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WAR IN UKRAINE

Russian shelling halts evacuations

Food, water and other supplies running out in besieged port city of Mariupol

By Yuras Karmanau
Associated Press

LVIV, Ukraine — Russian forces stepped up shelling of cities early Monday in Ukraine's center, north and south, a Ukrainian official said, as a second attempt to evacuate besieged civilians collapsed.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, meanwhile, shifted blame for the war to Ukraine and said Moscow's invasion could be halted "only if Kyiv ceases hostilities."

"The latest wave of missile strikes came as darkness fell," Ukrainian presidential adviser Oleksiy Arestovich said on television.

The outskirts of Kyiv, Chernihiv in the north, Mykolaiv in the south, and Kharkiv, the country's second-largest city, faced intense shelling. Heavy artillery hit residential areas in Kharkiv and shelling damaged a television tower, local officials said.

The attacks dashed hopes that more people could escape the fighting in Ukraine, where Russia's plan to quickly overrun the country has been stymied by fierce resistance. Russia has made significant advances in southern Ukraine and along the coast, but many of its efforts have become stalled, including an immense military convoy that has been almost motionless for days north of Kyiv.

Food, water, medicine and almost all other supplies were in desperately short supply in the southern port city of Mariupol, where Russian and Ukrainian forces had agreed to an 11-hour cease-fire that would allow civilians and the wounded to be evacuated.

But Russian attacks quickly closed the humanitarian corridor, Ukrainian officials said.

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Huskies pull together

UConn's Amari DeBerry, left, greets Evina Westbrook, who heads to the bench for a timeout after she sank a 3-pointer in Sunday's 71-51 Big East Tournament semifinal victory over Marquette at Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville. Westbrook scored 14 points to lead the Huskies into Monday night's championship game. **Story, Sports, Page 1**

CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Goodbye, masks?

As of Monday, no Conn. town or city will have a broad mask mandate

By Alex Putterman
Hartford Courant

As Connecticut's COVID-19 metrics improve following a devastating winter surge, the era of community-wide mask mandates in the state appears to have reached an end — or at least a pause.

On Monday, New Haven will officially lift its requirement that people in the Elm City wear masks in public, indoor settings. At that point, no municipality in Connecticut will have a mask mandate that applies to its broad population.

"Cases are going down. ... We're going into warmer months. Hospitalizations are down," New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker said. "So as we continue to see this trend, we're in a much, much better place than we were many months ago, or even three weeks ago."

Connecticut has not had a statewide mask mandate since spring 2021, but during the worst of the state's delta and omicron variant surges, many towns and cities implemented requirements of their own. Gradually, in recent weeks, those local mandates have disappeared, with even the most cautious town officials moving on from universal masking.

Mansfield, for example, has been one of Connecticut's most COVID-conscious towns throughout the pandemic, implementing a mask mandate almost immediately after gaining the power to do so last summer.

But with COVID-19 transmission dropping, Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth said, officials "did not see a compelling public health basis" to continue requiring masks.

"Now that the public health situation has gotten a lot better, we think it's time to ... [promote] our local businesses and make sure our local businesses aren't experiencing any unintended negative consequences as a result of perpetuating the mask mandate," Aylesworth said.

In Hartford, where a citywide mask mandate expired at the end of January, Health Director Liany Arroyo said people who wish to continue wearing masks should feel free to do so but that current conditions no longer make it necessary.

"Masking was never intended to be something that we did forever," Arroyo said. "It is meant to be something that is used when needed."

Of course, the end of citywide mask mandates doesn't mean the end of masking rules altogether. Many of Connecticut's largest school districts, including Hartford, have continued to require masks in classrooms even as the statewide mandate has expired.

In Arroyo's view, schools are different from grocery stores or restaurants in that people spend long periods of time there, in close proximity to each other.

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Connecticut Republicans seek minorities

Party making push to attract votes in urban areas across state

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — In Connecticut and nationally, Republicans have not been known as the political party that reaches out to minority groups and captures a large share of their voters.

But Republicans say that will be different this year, and the party plans to make a strong push to attract voters in urban areas in the 2022 elections.

New Britain Mayor Erin Stewart personifies that effort, having won a record-breaking five consecutive terms in a pro-union city where Democrats hold a 6-to-1 advantage in voter registration. Despite those odds, Republicans made gains last year on the school board and reached a super-majority on the city council.

Stewart energized the crowd of more than 100 diehard Republicans during the recent opening of a new community center by the Republican National Committee that will focus on minority voters in the Hardware City.

"When you see us door-knocking in the projects, you know what's up, and we're coming to get your vote," Stewart said as the crowd applauded. "The fabric of the city of New Britain is a community woven of many different colors, and we're proud to be home to people of all backgrounds, races, and ethnicities. Our diversity is an integral part of

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George Logan, left, and Mayor Erin Stewart, second from left, are prepped by Cecilia S. Johnson, second from right, Republican National Committee national director of black engagement, before speaking at the opening of the RNC Community Center in New Britain. **MARK MIRKO/COURANT**



Sen. Richard Blumenthal is seeking state candidates for a third seat on the U.S. Appellate Court. **AMANDA ANDRADE-RHOADES/AP**

State has third US Appellate Court seat

Connecticut had been assumed for decades to only have two

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

When U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal recently notified the state's lawyers that his office is again seeking candidates for yet another seat on the prestigious U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit, the reaction was almost universally: What?

For decades, it has been assumed that Connecticut has two seats on the 13-judge federal appeals court with jurisdiction over New York, Connecticut and Vermont. How, lawyers wanted to know, did Connecticut get a third? More to the point, since senators control the appointments, did New York's influential senior U.S. senator, Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, give away a patronage plum?

According to Blumenthal, the answer is simple — although he said it required some effort to root out. He said Connecticut has had a third seat for decades. It apparently got misplaced in the politicking among the two states' senators who, by custom and privilege, have been known to distribute the appointments to satisfy political constituencies. Blumenthal said

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Battle brews over union bill

A fight is unfolding over whether Connecticut will become the second state to ban "captive audience" meetings. **CONNECTICUT, PAGE 1**

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"The schools right now are where you have many people for many, many hours all together," Arroyo said. "That is a big difference."

In New Haven, masks remain required not only in schools but also in municipal buildings. Elicker said this is to protect high-risk residents who can't easily avoid those settings.

"For the vast majority of public spaces, people can choose to go there or not," Elicker said. "But people have to go to school, and they have to go, in many cases, to our municipal buildings to access things that they need."

Loosening guidance

Both locally and nationally, public health authorities have softened their stances on masking as COVID-19 numbers have improved. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has changed the thresholds for its county-by-county mask guidance, classifying most of the country as having "low" transmission.

Under the CDC's old guidance, every Connecticut county would currently qualify as having "substantial" COVID-19 spread, meaning people there would be recommended to wear masks. Under the new guidance, all eight of the state's counties are in the "low" category, meaning masks are not necessary.

Local experts, including those who have previously advocated for widespread masking, say Connecticut's numbers are now low enough to justify removing mandates.

"We're seeing declining cases, declining hospitalizations," said Dr. David Banach, hospital epidemiologist at UConn Health. "I think that's encouraging and supports pulling back on the broad public health measures that have been in place, including the masking."



New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker answers questions from a health care worker before being tested for COVID-19 at the CVS Health rapid result drive-thru testing site in New Haven in May 2020. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

Banach said he would still recommend individuals wear masks in certain situations, particularly if they are at a high risk of severe COVID-19 illness or if they are around people who are.

"Being mindful of those who I'm around will probably guide my decisions about masking rather than a universal plan for masking in all public-facing situations," he said.

Dr. Ulysses Wu, chief epidemiologist at Hartford HealthCare, said he still worries about COVID-19 spread at parties, concerts and other large indoor gatherings but that going mask-free at, say, a supermarket is "totally fine."

Even as mask mandates disappear, officials say they are open to bringing them back if cases rise again, perhaps in the event of a new COVID-19 variant.

"I don't think I can tell you no, we will never wear masks again," Arroyo said. "Masks are always part of our toolkit."

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he persuaded Schumer the seat belongs to Connecticut.

"For Connecticut not to have a third seat would be absolutely unprecedented," Blumenthal said. "We have reconstructed the history here. I regard it as a major achievement to sort of have dug into the intricacies of the 2nd Circuit judicial selection system. This seat has a history that would boggle your mind.

"We discussed it with Sen. Schumer. And we had very gracious and amicable conversations and we sorted it out."

Does Schumer get anything in return?

"I have no further comment except that ... well, I have no further comment," Blumenthal said. "Let me just put it this way: We are all friends. When I say we are friends, you know the word friend is used so frequently down here that it has lost some of its meaning. But we are genuinely good friends. We like each other. We are loyal and we work together."

While political horse trading between Connecticut and New York in years past may obscure who controls what seats on the court, no one questions the court's importance. It sits a few blocks above Wall Street, the center of global finance, and no other federal appeals court can match its influence over contracts, securities, anti-trust matters and other questions of commercial law.

The court has sent three judges to the U.S. Supreme Court, and its judges appear routinely on short lists of prospective nominees, which explains why lawyers fight for appointments and why senators fight to protect their patronage in deciding who gets them. A senator's recommendation to the White House, which nominates judges to the U.S. Senate, usually is accepted.



Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer of N.Y., speaks as he sits down for a meeting with Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson on Capitol Hill in Washington on Wednesday. **SUSAN WALSH/AP**

University of Richmond law professor Carl Tobias, who tracks federal court nominations, said it is rare but not unheard of for a senator in one state to yield a patronage appointment to another state.

"Not very often, but occasionally I hear stories of that happening," he said. "All of it is by way of custom. It can be adjusted by the home state senators if they think something is out of whack or they think there is some valid reason for it. But I'm a little surprised because Schumer likes to keep all those prerogatives in New York.

"Blumenthal is bringing home the bacon to Connecticut. That's good, at least in the short term. There could be a fight down the road, but Schumer will probably be out of it by then. I never would have predicted it, though. I always thought Schumer had a stranglehold on those seats and never would have given one up. It's part of the patronage, and patronage is what senators live for."

The seat that Blumenthal said he and Schumer now agree is Connecticut's third is held by Judge Jose A. Cabranes. He was born in Puerto Rico; raised and educated in New York; attended college and graduate school in New York, New Haven and London; and was employed, among other places, in New York, New Jersey and Washington, D.C., before moving to New Haven, where he was general counsel to Yale University. In 1979, on the recommendation of former U.S. Sen. Abraham Ribicoff, a Connecticut Democrat, Cabranes was appointed a U.S. District Court judge in Connecticut, the first Puerto Rican appointed to a federal district court in the country.

He was elevated to the court of appeals in 1994 — on the recommendation of then U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a New York Democrat. Cabranes is listed on court records as a Connecticut judge — the eighth judge to be appointed to a seat that, since it was created in 1887, had been filled exclusively by New Yorkers. Cabranes lives in Connecticut.

Although it was the assumption of a dozen of so lawyers interviewed for this article that Connecticut held two, 2nd Circuit seats, there have been times in the past were it has briefly held more, the result of movement among the judges from retirements or the pace in the Senate of confirming new members.

There are three from Connecticut now — two of whom are in the process of retiring. Cabranes and Judge Susan Carney have announced they are in the process of moving to senior, or semi-retired status. The third, William Nardini, was confirmed by the Senate two years ago. Nine judges have held Carney's seat, two from Connecticut and seven from New York. Nardini's is the only pure Connecticut seat, having been held by 11 Connecticut judges since 1892.

For a period in the mid 1990s, Connecticut had four judges: Jon O. Newman, Guido Calabresi, Ralph Winter and Cabranes.

Blumenthal had an opportunity to join the court in 1999 on the recommendation of U.S. Sen. Christopher Dodd, a Connecticut Democrat. Blumenthal said he decided to continue in office as state attorney general, and Moynihan arranged for a longtime assistant, a New Yorker, to fill the seat.

Most of the talk about the court during the first year of President Joe Biden's administration has been about diversifying the federal judiciary, specifically Biden's assertion that he "is eager to nominate individuals who reflect the best of America, and who look like America."

Even before taking office, the incoming administration urged senators to "propose talented individuals who would bring to these critically important roles a wide range of life and professional experiences, including those based on their race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, veteran status and disability."

Blumenthal and his fellow Democratic U.S. Sen. Christopher Murphy have taken up Biden's challenge, so far sending the White House two African Americans, a south Asian and a white woman who worked formerly as a public defender to fill the positions of U.S. attorney and three federal district judgeships.

Blumenthal said the circuit court's geographic diversity is as important as its racial, ethnic and gender diversity.

"Most cases never reach the U.S. Supreme Court," Blumenthal said. "Of the thousands that seek review, a fraction are taken. So the end of the line on the justice train so to speak is almost always the court of appeals, and it should reflect the people who are seeking justice, where they live and who they are, which is important to the credibility and respect that courts are accorded."

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Sunday, March 6

PLAY3 DAY
2 0 2 **WB:** 1

PLAY4 DAY
8 7 2 2 **WB:** 5

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SATURDAY'S LATE NUMBERS

PLAY3 NIGHT
8 3 1 **WB:** 5

PLAY4 NIGHT
2 9 6 2 **WB:** 8

CASH 5
6 15 16 17 30

LUCKY FOR LIFE
7 10 24 35 46 **LB:** 12

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8 23 37 52 63 **PB:** 13 **PP:** 2

Tuesday's est. Lotto jackpot: $1.3 million

Tuesday's est. Mega Millions jackpot: $126 million

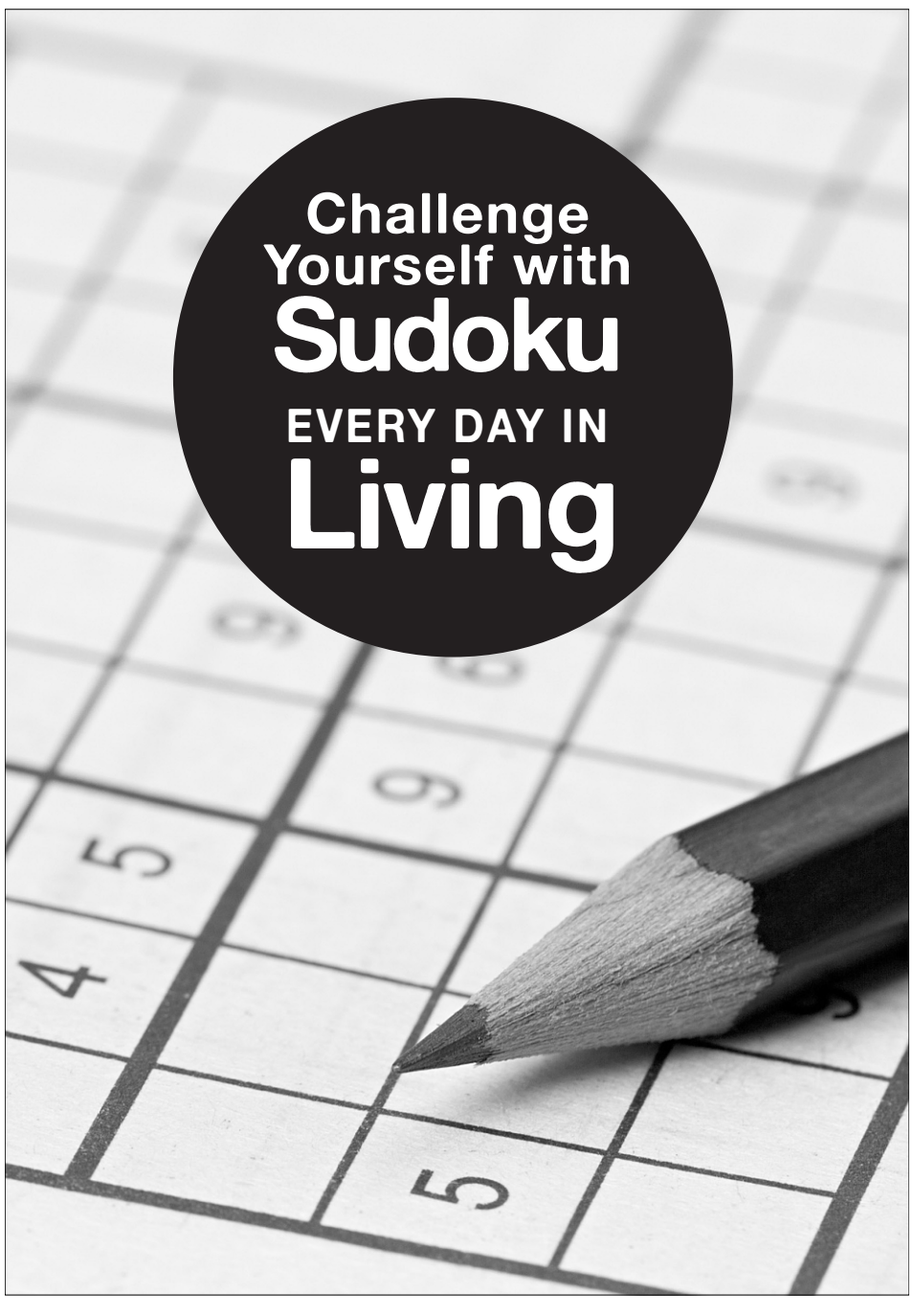
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"There can be no 'green corridors' because only the sick brain of the Russians decides when to start shooting and at whom," Interior Ministry adviser Anton Gerashchenko said on Telegram.

Ukrainian President Voldymyr Zelenskyy rallied his people to remain defiant, especially those in cities occupied by Russians.

"You should take to the streets! You should fight!" he said Saturday on Ukrainian television. "It is necessary to go out and drive this evil out of our cities, from our land."

Zelenskyy also asked the United States and NATO countries to send more warplanes to Ukraine, though that idea is complicated by questions about which countries would provide the aircraft and how those countries would replace the planes.

He later urged the West to tighten its sanctions on Russia, saying that "the audacity of the aggressor is a clear signal" that existing sanctions are not enough.

The war, now in its 11th day, has caused 1.5 million people to flee the country. The head of the U.N. refugee agency called the exodus "the fastest-growing refugee crisis in Europe since World War II."

The U.S. assesses that about 95% of the Russian forces that had been arrayed around Ukraine are now in the country, a senior U.S. defense official said Sunday. The official said Russian forces continue to advance and attempt to isolate Kyiv, Kharkhiv and Chernihiv, and are being met with Ukrainian resistance.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the convoy outside Kyiv continues to be stalled.

As he has often done, Putin blamed Ukraine for the war, telling Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Sunday that Kyiv needed to stop all hostilities and fulfill "the well-known demands of Russia."

Putin launched his invasion with a string of false accusations against Kyiv, including that it is led by neo-Nazis intent on undermining Russia with the development of nuclear weapons.



Ukrainian soldiers help an elderly woman flee to safety in Irpin, near Kyiv, Ukraine, on Sunday. **LYNSEY ADDARIO/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Putin and French President Emmanuel Macron spoke about the nuclear situation in Ukraine, which has 15 nuclear reactors at four power plants and was the scene of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

The men agreed in principle to a "dialogue" involving Russia, Ukraine and the U.N.'s atomic watchdog, according to a French official who spoke on condition of anonymity, in line with the presidency's practices. Potential talks on the issue are to be organized in the coming days, he said.

Putin also blamed the fire last week at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant, which Ukrainian officials said was caused by Russian attackers, on a "provocation organized by Ukrainian radicals."

Meanwhile, credit card and social media companies continued to make moves Sunday.

American Express said it would suspend operations in Russia and in Russian-allied Belarus. Mastercard and Visa did the same Saturday.

TikTok also said Russian users would not be able to post new videos or see videos shared from elsewhere in the world. The company blamed Moscow's new "fake news" law, which makes it illegal, among other things, to describe the fighting as an invasion.

Netflix also cut its service to Russia.

Facebook and Twitter have already been blocked in Russia, along with access to the websites of a number of international media outlets.

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who we are, and we're certainly stronger for it. I'm a proud Republican mayor of such an amazing and diverse city."

Besides the local effort, Republicans think nationally they have momentum this year with the wind at their backs due to President Joe Biden's low poll ratings.

"The guy in the White House is making it easy to be a Republican, even here in Connecticut," Stewart said. "This is our election to lose, and we cannot let that happen. The hard work to secure Republican victory starts today, and starts right here in the city of New Britain. The work is going to continue until 8 p.m. on Election Day."

One of the key ways of reaching minority voters is the opening of the RNC community center, which is a dual-purpose office in a busy shopping area on West Main Street that essentially serves as a campaign office and a gathering place for minority voters. Republicans have opened about 20 similar centers across the country, and they have been used so far for Black History Month events and other functions. The offices have opened in places such as Philadelphia and Jacksonville, and New Britain was chosen because it is a key outpost where Republicans look to perform well in this fall's elections.

Another outreach is the recruitment of minority candidates, and Republicans are strongly backing George Logan, a former state senator who is Black, and at a time when the party has largely backed white candidates for Congress.

A key race that national Republicans have targeted is the 5th Congressional district, where Logan is battling against incumbent U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes of Wolcott. Hayes won elections in 2018 and 2020 by 12 points each time, including victories twice in New Britain.



U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes of Wolcott won the 5th District seat in 2018 and 2020 by 12 points each time, including victories twice in New Britain. **J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP**



Republicans say they will be reaching out to minority voters this year more than ever. Former state Sen. George Logan of Ansonia talks with New Britain Town Council member Tremell Collins before Logan spoke at the opening of the Republican National Committee Community Center. **MARK MIRKO/ HARTFORD COURANT**

'Pandering'?

Democrats have seen a major trend in their favor in the 5th Congressional District — a one-time Republican stronghold where Democrats have dominated since a young Chris Murphy defeated longtime Republican U.S. Rep. Nancy Johnson in an upset in 2006. Since then, Democrats have grown increasingly strong in the district, where Hillary Clinton and Biden defeated Republican Donald Trump in both 2016 and 2020.

State Democratic Party Chairwoman Nancy DiNardo rejected the Republican thesis, saying that Democrats have delivered for state residents.

"If the Connecticut GOP thinks 'minority' voters' concerns are any different from other voters' concerns, their pandering will have no effect," DiNardo said. "Jahana Hayes, Ned Lamont, Richard Blumenthal, and every Democrat on the ballot have delivered again and again for the people of Connecticut. With support for struggling families and businesses, massive funding for every city and town, and record-setting job growth, Democrats are fueling the Connecticut comeback.

"What have Republicans done? Nothing. They call inflation a political 'gold mine' while doing nothing to help supply match growing demand. The Republicans are the party of 'No' for a reason — they offer no solutions for Connecticut families."

Vulnerable?

But Republicans say it will be different this fall, partly due to the new outreach to minority voters.

"This is a historic moment for Connecticut Republicans," Logan said. "As a Republican, an African American, an Afro-Latino, I believe it is essential that we collectively get our message out — of equal opportunity, free enterprise, free from big government and protection of our constitutional rights. That is something that is important to all of us, regardless of race, creed and economic status."

Besides New Britain, the sprawling district includes Meriden, Danbury, the Farmington Valley, and virtually all of Litchfield County to the New York and Massachusetts borders.

Republicans say they will perform well in races statewide, but Democrats disagree in a blue state where they have won all congressional and governor's races since 2006.

The last Connecticut Republican in Congress was U.S. Rep. Chris Shays of Bridgeport, who lost in 2008 after more than two decades in Washington.

While Democrats predict that Hayes will win for the third straight time, Republicans have already placed her on a list of 47 vulnerable House Democrats nationally — the only one in Connecticut.

Gov. Ned Lamont, a Democrat, downplayed the opening of the community center — saying that it is still early before the heavy campaigning begins.

"It's campaign season, and there will be a contested race," Lamont told reporters. "My idea is to focus on governing and do the very best job I can on behalf of the people of Connecticut. They can open campaign offices and do TV and whatever they want to do. We'll get to that as well. But I really want to focus on governing."

State Republican Party Chairman Ben Proto, a strategist and campaigner for decades, has served in the trenches of fighting for votes long before he became party chairman.

"For too many years, people have asked how are we going to reach the minority communities," Proto told the recent crowd in New Britain. "We always knew how to do it. We just never did it."

One of the issues facing Logan is that Democrats have complained repeatedly that he does not live in the 5th District. Logan, a longtime Ansonia resident who lived in the district before the boundary lines were changed, said he has been working with a real estate agent since November and expects to move back into the district by April 1.

The reason for the delay, he said, is that the new district lines were being redrawn recently following the U.S. Census that is conducted every 10 years.

A veteran campaigner, Stewart said that Republicans must do well in the cities if they expect to win. She says they need to be reaching "across aisles that are not traditional Republican areas that you would think that we'd go into" in the cities.

"You have to either win or hold your own," Stewart said in an interview.

"You don't necessarily have to win all of the cities. You don't have to win Meriden, New Britain and Torrington, but you have to keep your margins real close. If you look at the Waterbury-New Britain-Danbury-Torrington kind of faction, this is where Jahana Hayes is successful each time.

"That's where George knows he's got to focus. That's where George's moderate voice will appeal to a lot of people. He's got to campaign hard in the cities of the 5th District in order to be successful."

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World on cusp of tragic milestone

Official virus death toll nearing 6M, but count likely higher

By David Rising
Associated Press



Nurses perform breathing exercises on a COVID-19 patient on a ventilator at a hospital in Marseille, France. **DANIEL COLE/AP 2021**

BANGKOK — The official global death toll from COVID-19 is on the verge of eclipsing 6 million — underscoring that the pandemic, now entering its third year, is far from over.

The milestone is the latest tragic reminder of the unrelenting nature of the pandemic even as people are shedding masks, travel is resuming and businesses are reopening around the globe. The death toll, compiled by Johns Hopkins University, stood at 5,998,454 Sunday night.

Remote Pacific islands, whose isolation had protected them for more than two years, are just now grappling with their first outbreaks and deaths, fueled by the highly contagious omicron variant.

Hong Kong, which is seeing deaths soar, is testing its entire population of 7.5 million three times this month as it clings to mainland China's "zero-COVID" strategy.

As death rates remain high in Hungary, Poland, Romania and other Eastern European countries, the region has seen more than 1 million refugees arrive from war-torn Ukraine, a country with poor vaccination coverage and high rates of cases and deaths.

Despite its wealth and vaccine availability, the United States is nearing 1 million reported deaths on its own.

Death rates worldwide are still highest among people unvaccinated against the virus, said Tikki Pang, a visiting professor at the National University of Singapore's medical school and co-chair of the Asia Pacific Immunization Coalition.

"This is a disease of the unvaccinated — look what is happening in Hong Kong right now, the health system is being overwhelmed," said Pang, the former director of research policy and cooperation with the World Health Organization. "The large majority of the deaths and the severe cases are in the unvaccinated, vulnerable segment of the population."

It took the world seven months to record its first million deaths from the virus after the pandemic began in early 2020. Four months later another million people had died, and 1 million have died every three months since, until the death toll hit 5 million at the end of October. Now it has reached nearly 6 million.

But despite the enormity of the figure, the world undoubtedly hit its 6 millionth death some time ago. Poor record-keeping and testing in many parts of the world has led to an undercount in coronavirus deaths, in addition to excess deaths related to the pandemic but not from actual COVID-19 infections, like people who died from preventable causes but could not receive treatment because hospitals were full.

Edouard Mathieu, head of data for the Our World in Data portal, said that — when countries' excess mortality figures are studied — as many as nearly four times the reported death toll have likely died because of the pandemic.

An analysis of excess deaths by a team at The Economist estimates that the number of COVID-19 deaths is between 14 million and 23.5 million.

"Confirmed deaths represent a fraction of the true number of deaths due to COVID, mostly because of limited testing, and challenges in the attribution of the cause of death," Mathieu said. "In some, mostly rich, countries that fraction is high, and the official tally can be considered to be fairly accurate, but in others it is highly underestimated."

The United States has the biggest official death toll in the world, but the numbers have been trending downward over the last month.

Lonnie Bailey lost his 17-year-old nephew, Carlos Nunez Jr., who contracted COVID-19 last April — the same month Kentucky opened his age group to vaccinations. The Louisville resident said the family is still suffering, including Carlos' younger sibling, who had to be hospitalized himself and still has lingering symptoms. The aggressive reopening of the country has been jarring for them to witness.

"For us it is hard to let our guard down; it's going to take a while for us to adjust," Bailey said.

The world has seen more than 445 million confirmed COVID-19 cases, and new weekly cases have been declining recently in all regions except for the Western Pacific, which includes China, Japan and South Korea, among others, the World Health Organization reported this week.

Although the overall figures in the Pacific islands seeing their first outbreaks are small compared to larger countries, they are significant among their tiny populations and threaten to overwhelm fragile health care systems.

"Given what we know about COVID ... it's likely to hit them for the next year or so at least," said Katie Greenwood, head of the Red Cross Pacific delegation.

Tonga reported its first outbreak after the virus arrived with international aid vessels following the Jan. 15 eruption of a volcano, followed by a tsunami. It now has several hundred cases, but — with 66% of its population fully vaccinated — it has reported people suffering mostly mild symptoms.

The Solomon Islands saw its first outbreak in January and has thousands of cases and more than 100 deaths. Only 12% of Solomon Islanders are fully vaccinated.

Global vaccine disparity continues, with only 6.95% of people in low-income countries fully vaccinated, compared to more than 73% in high-income nations, according to Our World in Data.

Blinken vows US support to West-leaning Moldova

Ex-Soviet republic welcomes refugees, keeps eye on Russia

By Matthew Lee
Associated Press



U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Moldovan President Maia Sandu greet each other Sunday before a news conference following talks in Chisinau, Moldova. **SERGEI GRITS/AP**

CHISINAU, Moldova — U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Sunday pledged America's support to the small, Western-leaning former Soviet republic of Moldova that is coping with an influx of refugees from Ukraine and warily watching Russia's intensifying war with its neighbor.

Blinken met with senior Moldovan officials who are appealing for assistance in dealing with more than 120,000 refugees from Ukraine that it is hosting while also seeking security reassurances against potential Russian aggression.

More than 230,000 people have fled into or passed through Moldova from Ukraine since the war began Feb. 24.

Blinken said Moldova's welcoming of refugees is an inspiration to the world.

"We admire the generosity of hospitality, the willingness to be such good friends to people who are in distress, and, indeed, I want to do everything we can to help you deal with the burden that this has imposed," he said before heading to Lithuania.

Moldova, a poor country squeezed between Ukraine and Romania, remains vulnerable. Most problematically, two decades before Russian-speaking separatists carved a chunk out of Ukraine, they did the same thing in Moldova.

In 1992, Moscow-backed separatists took control of a thin 250-mile sliver of land, known as Transnistria, that runs along much of the eastern bank of the Dniester River as well as parts of the western bank.

Russia has troops in Moldova, a country of 2.6 million, stationed in Transnistria, and they are being closely watched as Russian President Vladimir Putin presses ahead with the invasion of Ukraine.

"This is a subject of high vulnerability, and we watch it carefully," Moldovan President Maia Sandu said.

She said there had not been any indication that the roughly 1,500 Russian soldiers based in Transnistria had changed posture but stressed that it was a concern given what is happening in Ukraine.

"In this region now there is no possibility for us to feel safe," Sandu said.

If Russian forces advance to the Moldovan border, some Moldovans fear that Russia will soon either recognize Transnistria, much as it did with Ukraine's self-declared separatist republics — giving Moscow a similar pretext to officially occupy it — and perhaps even later absorb it into either a pro-Russian Ukraine or Russia itself.

Although it is neutral militarily and has no plans to try to become a member of NATO, Moldova formally applied to join the European Union three days ago in a fast-track bid to bolster its ties with the West.

"While we are facing this unprecedented circumstances, we are firmly committed to our path for European integration," Prime Minister Natalia Gavrilita said. "We believe that this is an agenda to transform Moldova into a modern, prosperous European state based on the fundamental values of human rights and the rule of law."

Within the Moldovan government, senior officials have discreetly discussed concerns that Russia might occupy Moldova entirely, two Moldovan officials said on condition of anonymity.

"People are scared, literally scared," said Alexandru Flenchea, an analyst and former deputy prime minister of Moldova, who oversaw efforts to reintegrate Transnistria. "Many are considering emigration, before they might themselves become refugees."

Blinken praised Moldova's European aspirations and said Moldova could count on U.S. support.

"Moldova has chosen the path to democracy, a more inclusive economy, a closer relationship with the countries and institutions of Europe, and the United States supports Moldova in those efforts grounded in our respect for the neutrality that's enshrined in the constitution," he said.

"Moldova is a powerful example of a democracy rising to the moment with vision and with determination," Blinken said.

The State Department said Sunday that Blinken will meet with Israel's foreign minister, Yair Lapid, in Riga, Latvia, on Monday during the American's tour of Baltic nations.

Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett was in Moscow on Saturday for talks with Putin on the war in Ukraine and spoke again with Putin by phone Sunday. Bennett also has spoken on the phone several times with Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy — most recently Sunday morning.

Blinken will meet with French President Emmanuel Macron in Paris on Tuesday.

The New York Times contributed.



Workers move an 18th-centry painting last week at the Andrey Sheptytsky National Museum in Lviv. The museum has been closed since Russia's invasion Feb. 24. **BERNAT ARMANGUE/AP**

Museum staffers scramble to save their heritage

By Bernat Armangue
Associated Press

LVIV, Ukraine — The director of Ukraine's largest art museum walked its hallways, supervising as staff packed away its collections to protect their national heritage in case the Russian invasion advances west.

In one partially empty gallery of the Andrey Sheptytsky National Museum, employees placed carefully wrapped baroque pieces into cardboard boxes.

A few yards away, a group walked down the majestic main staircase carrying a giant piece of sacred art, the 18th-century Bohorodchany iconostasis.

"Sometimes the tears are coming because a lot of labor has been put in here. It takes time, energy. You are doing something good, you feel pleased. Today you see empty walls, so it feels bitter, sad. We didn't believe it till the last minute that this could happen," museum General Director Ihor Kozhan said.

The doors of the museum in the western city of Lviv have been closed since Russia's war on Ukraine began Feb. 24, and heritage sites across the country face danger as the fighting continues.

Korzhan said he receives daily calls from other European cultural institutions offering to help.

Anna Naurobska, head of the rare manuscripts and books department, said she still doesn't know where to safely store the collection of more than 12,000 items being packed into boxes.

The relocation process and the fear that the collection is in danger in the event of an attack on the city overwhelms her.

"This is our story; this is our life. It is very important to us," Naurobska said.

She walked into another room and held up a massive tome, tears forming in her eyes. "It's a Russian book," she said, putting it back on the shelf. "I'm so angry."

NEWS BRIEFING

Disgraced former Gov. Cuomo hints at political comeback

From news services

NEW YORK — Just six months after he resigned from office in disgrace over sexual harassment allegations, former New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo appeared to be hinting at a political comeback in remarks Sunday at a church in Brooklyn.

The Democrat made a campaign-like stop to deliver a speech in which he condemned "cancel culture." The public appearance, his first since leaving office, came after Cuomo's campaign launched a digital and TV ad campaign pushing a similar message: He was driven from office unfairly.

Cuomo quoted the Bible several times as he described his travails, then went on the offensive to attack the "political sharks" in Albany who, he said, "smelled blood" and exploited the situation for political gain.

"The actions against me were prosecutorial misconduct," Cuomo said, repeating a theme he has pushed from the outset. "They used cancel culture to effectively overturn an election."

Cuomo resigned in August, days after an independent probe found he sexually harassed nearly a dozen women and that he and aides worked to retaliate against an accuser.

On Sunday, Cuomo acknowledged his behavior wasn't appropriate but added that nothing he did violated the law. "I didn't appreciate how fast the perspectives changed."

"I've learned a powerful lesson and paid a very high price for learning that lesson. God isn't finished with me yet."

Cuomo hasn't said he's running for office, but is still sitting on a multimillion-dollar campaign war chest he could use to finance another run.

Several district attorneys in New York said they found Cuomo's accusers "credible," but said the available evidence wasn't strong enough to press criminal charges against him. Last month, a New York state trooper sued him claiming he caused her severe mental anguish and emotional distress by touching her inappropriately and making suggestive comments. A Cuomo spokesperson called the suit a "cheap cash extortion."

Cuomo used his platform Sunday mostly to condemn a social media-fueled climate he said is growing and dangerous.



Truck convoy: Supporters fill an overpass Sunday over Interstate 270 in Frederick County, Md., as the "People's Convoy" passes on its way from Hagerstown to Washington. Truckers who object to COVID-19 mandates drove two loops around the beltway surrounding the nation's capital to make their feelings known to lawmakers. **BILL GREEN/THE FREDERICK NEWS-POST**

Jolie visits Yemen: Film actress Angelina Jolie on Sunday visited war-wrecked Yemen to show solidarity with displaced families to generate support for an upcoming fundraising conference, according to the United Nations.

Jolie, who is special envoy for the U.N. on refugee issues, landed in the southern coastal city of Aden to meet with families and refugees. Aden is the seat of the internationally recognized government.

The U.N. refugee agency said it hopes that Jolie's visit would draw awareness to humanitarian needs in Yemen, the Arab World's poorest country, ahead of the annual High Level Pledging Conference for Yemen on March 16.

"As we continue to watch the horrors unfolding in Ukraine and call for an immediate end to the conflict and humanitarian access, I am here in Yemen to support people who also desperately need peace. The situation here is one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world," Jolie said in a post on her Instagram account.

Palestinian attacker: Police shot and killed a Palestinian attacker Sunday after he stabbed an officer in Jerusalem's Old City, Israeli police said.

In a statement, police said the attacker approached officers who were stationed in the Old City and stabbed one of them, injuring him slightly. The officers opened fire and shot and killed the man, identified as a 19-year-old resident of east Jerusalem. Israeli media reported a second officer was also slightly wounded as a result of the gunfire.

Police released a photo of a knife laying on a cobblestone alley in the ancient Old City, with blood splattered nearby.

Palestinians have carried out dozens of stabbing, shooting and car-ramming attacks targeting Israeli civilians and security personnel in recent years. Many of the attacks have appeared to have had no links to militant groups.

Palestinians and rights groups have accused Israel of using excessive force in trying to subdue the attackers.

Syria attack: Militants attacked a military bus traveling on a desert highway in central Syria on Sunday, killing 13 troops including several officers, state media reported.

State news agency SANA said the militants used a variety of weapons in the attack in the Palmyra region, adding that 18 soldiers were wounded.

No further details were available, and no one claimed responsibility. In the past, Syrian authorities have blamed such attacks on Islamic State group militants who have been active in southern and central Syria, despite losing territorial control in the country since 2019.

In January, IS militants fired rockets and an anti-aircraft gun at a bus traveling in the same area, killing five troops.

Attack in Kashmir: One person was killed and more than 20 others injured Sunday when an assailant lobbed a grenade at a busy market in the main city in Indian-controlled Kashmir, police said.

According to local media reports, the target of the attack in Srinagar appeared to have been security personnel in the area. There was a huge crowd in the market when the grenade exploded.

The injured were taken to a hospital.

Police officer Sujit Kumar said that security forces were investigating, and that the attacker would be found soon.

Kashmir is divided between India and Pakistan, which both claim the region in its entirety.

India accuses Pakistan of supporting armed rebels who want to unite the region, either under Pakistani rule or as an independent country.

China mine workers die: Fourteen workers who were trapped when a coal mine in southwest China collapsed 10 days ago have died, media reported Sunday.

A rescue operation finished Sunday after the bodies of the miners were retrieved, state-owned Xinhua News Agency said.

The workers were trapped after the roof of a shaft at Sanhe Shunxun coal mine in Guizhou province collapsed Feb. 25.

The rescue operation was challenging because the roof caved in almost 2 miles from the entrance of the mine, and the collapsed area was large, media reported.

Further investigation into the cause of the accident was underway.

China's coal mines are among the world's deadliest, regularly suffering explosions and gas leaks despite repeated safety crackdowns.

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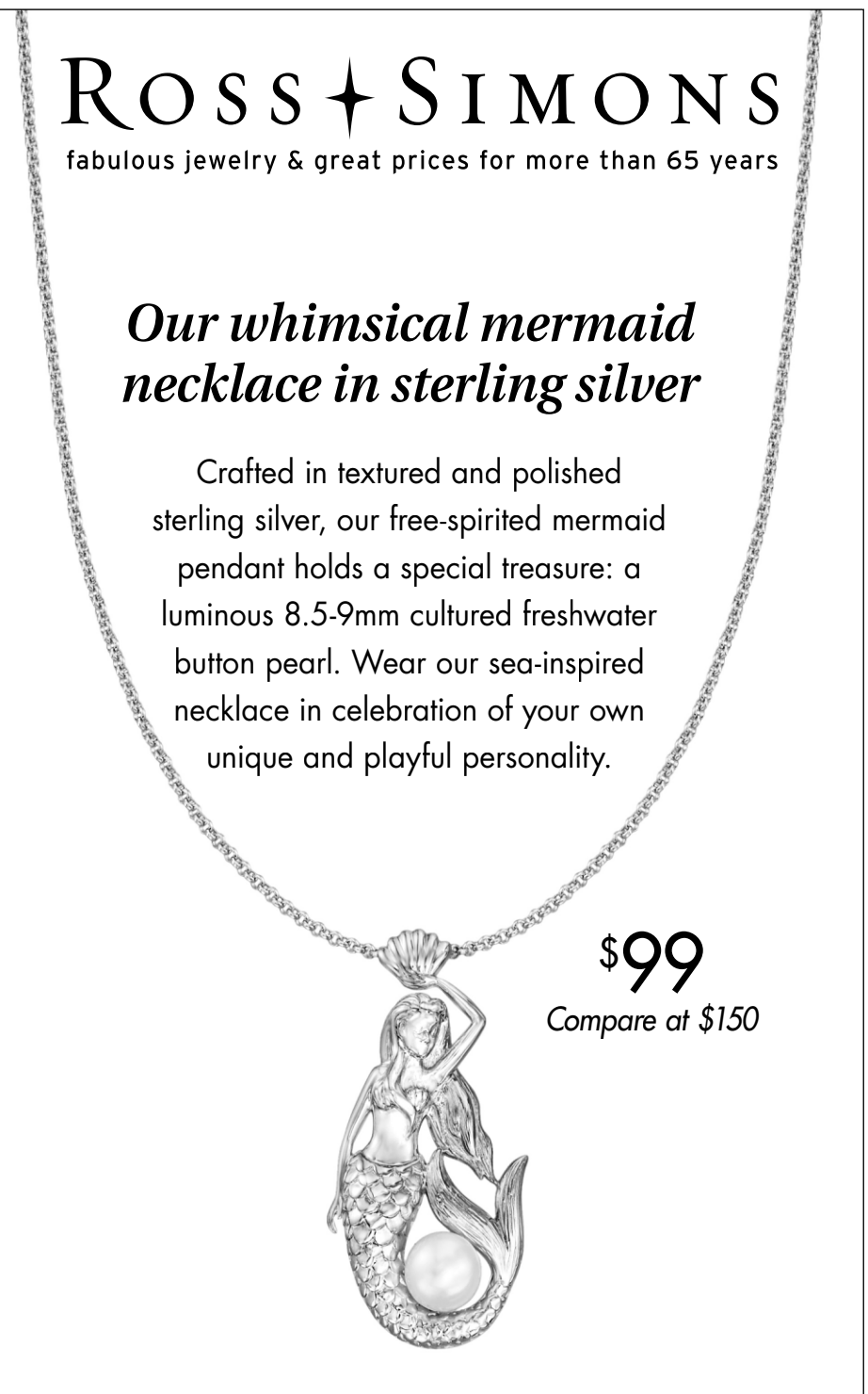
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Finding 'a second Kabul' in the US

Resettled Afghans struggle to acquire affordable housing

By Matthew Barakat, Amy Taxin, Philip Marcelo and Julie Watson
Associated Press



Afghan refugee Mozhgan Entazari, 34, talks about the challenge of finding housing for her family. **DAMIAN DOVARGANES/AP**

IRVINE, Calif. — After fleeing her home in now-Taliban controlled Afghanistan, Mozhgan Entazari did everything she could to find a new one for her family in the sunny, palm tree-lined communities of Southern California.

The 34-year-old mother of two scoured options on Zillow with her husband, while the family lived at a hotel near Los Angeles. She spent $200 for an Uber ride to see an apartment 90 minutes away only to find it had been rented.

Entazari needed a place not just for her immediate family but for seven members of her extended family.

In the end, it took four months.

On Sunday, they moved into a five-bedroom house in Corona, 50 miles southeast of LA, which is renting for $4,000.

The family's struggles are emblematic of what tens of thousands of Afghans are finding since they moved off U.S. military bases and into American cities and towns following last summer's airlift operation. Many hope to settle in Southern California and the Washington, D.C., area, where Afghans previously established vibrant communities with halal grocery stores and mosques.

But these communities also are among the country's priciest housing markets, and units, especially those suitable for often larger Afghan families, are in short supply. Resettlement agencies report it's taking longer to get refugees out of temporary housing like hotels, Airbnbs and churches.

Entazari will share a roof with her husband and kids, along with her mother, teen sister and her brother and his family.

Without a job, credit history or co-signer, she said it was difficult to find housing. And without an address, she said she and her husband couldn't get jobs and her kids couldn't enroll in school.

"All our life depends on housing," Entazari said in Farsi through an interpreter.

They had to pay two months of rent to move in, and are getting help from an organization that will fund a portion of the monthly rent until next year.

The search for housing for Afghans comes amid a tightening housing market as the U.S. crawls out of the pandemic. The nationwide vacancy rate for rental units dropped to 5.6% in the last quarter of 2020, according to recently released U.S. Census data. The typical U.S. rent was up nearly 16% to more than $1,850 in January compared to January 2021, according to the online real estate marketplace Zillow, which launched an effort in November to help connect landlords with newly arrived Afghans.

In northern Virginia, Ahmad Saeed Totakhail was lucky to find permanent housing in Dale City, a suburb 25 miles south of Washington.

His sister, who housed him until he got a place of his own, lives there. He was hired to work in nearby Arlington, by the same nonprofit that employed him in Kabul.

The area's stunning mosques and plentiful Afghan eateries have softened the blow of leaving his homeland. But he was shocked by the high price for his family's safe haven — $2,000 a month for rent.

"I have friends here. I have my relatives here. But we never discussed the economics," he said.

About half of all Afghan immigrants to the United States, many who came decades ago, live in five major metropolitan areas — Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, Washington and Sacramento, California, according to the Migration Policy Institute. As a result, these areas are often attractive for Afghan newcomers, and many list the names of relatives or acquaintances already living there as contacts when resettlement agencies are considering where to send them.

But with some 76,000 Afghans arriving in the United States since the Taliban takeover of their country last year, many of these cities are reaching their saturation point, said Krish O'Mara Vignarajah, president and CEO of the Lutheran Immigration Refugee Service.

The resettlement agency has teamed with Airbnb to provide temporary housing while talking to property management companies to find a more permanent solution. They've opened offices in more affordable markets to meet the housing demand. But the places also must have a robust job market and institutions and businesses that support Afghan families, such as mosques and halal markets, she said.

The U.S. State Department says it doesn't track how many of the Afghans are in temporary accommodations. The top states for Afghans arriving following the Taliban takeover are Texas (nearly 10,500); California (over 8,200), Virginia (over 5,100) and Washington (over 2,800), according to State Department data.

Near the nation's capital, Lutheran Social Services has helped settle more than 4,000 Afghans since last summer. For many, the benefits of a community that is like "a second Kabul" outweigh the high housing costs, said Zabi, a housing coordinator for LSS and relatively recent refugee from Afghanistan who asked to be identified by his nickname because he still has family who could be targeted there because of his prior work with the U.S. military.

Zabi is working to convince area landlords and property owners that Afghan refugees are worth granting some leeway.

"They're gonna pay their rent, that's for sure," he said, adding many find employment quickly, with help from the agency and the existing Afghan community.

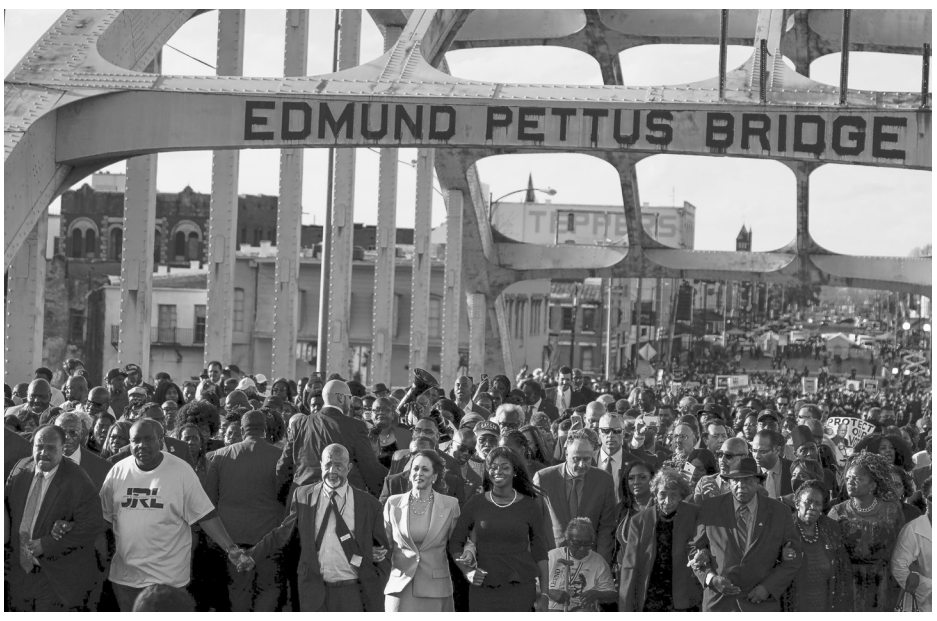
In Newburyport, Massachusetts, churches opened their doors to temporarily house four Afghan families. The Rev. Jarred Mercer said helping them set down permanent roots is daunting given the high cost of living in the largely white, affluent community near the New Hampshire state line.

He and another pastor are working with city officials and hope to bring local property owners and nonprofits on board to help tackle the housing question. In the meantime, they've raised funds and formed volunteer committees to coordinate everything from teaching English classes to driving the families around town.

"They're getting more and more entrenched in town, especially the children, and it would just be more trauma to uproot them and start the whole process over again," Mercer said.

That already happened to several Afghan families who were asked to try a new location after searching for months for a home in Southern California, said Sonik Sadozai, a volunteer with Afghan Refugee Relief.

Sadozai, who came to the country as a refugee four decades ago from Afghanistan, said she's been doing this work for years and never faced so many hurdles.



Vice President Kamala Harris, front center, marches Sunday on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma after speaking on the eve of the "Bloody Sunday" anniversary. **BRYNN ANDERSON/AP**

VP promotes voting rights during 'Bloody Sunday' visit

By Kim Chandler
Associated Press

SELMA, Ala. — Vice President Kamala Harris visited Selma on Sunday to commemorate a defining moment in the fight for the right to vote, making her trip as congressional efforts to restore the landmark 1965 Voting Rights Act have faltered.

Under a blazing blue sky, Harris took the stage at the foot of the bridge where in 1965 white state troopers attacked Black voting rights marchers attempting to cross. Harris called the site hallowed ground on which people fought for the "most fundamental right of America citizenship: the right to vote."

"Today, we stand on this bridge at a different time," Harris said before a cheering crowd of thousands. "We again, however, find ourselves caught in between. Between injustice and justice. Between disappointment and determination. Still in a fight to form a more perfect union. And nowhere is that more clear than when it comes to the ongoing fight to secure the freedom to vote."

The nation's first female vice president — as well as the first African American and Indian American in the role — spoke of marchers whose "peaceful protest was met with crushing violence.

They were kneeling when the state troopers charged. They were praying when the billy clubs struck."

On "Bloody Sunday," March 7, 1965, state troopers beat and tear-gassed peaceful demonstrators, including young activist John Lewis, who later became a longtime Georgia congressman.

The images of violence at the Edmund Pettus Bridge — originally named for a Confederate general — shocked the nation and helped galvanize support for passage of the Voting Rights Act.

Fifty-seven years later, Democrats are unsuccessfully trying to update the landmark law and pass additional measures to make it more convenient for people to vote. A key provision of the law was tossed out by a U.S. Supreme Court decision.

"In a moment of great uncertainty, those marches pressed forward and they crossed," Harris said. "We must do the same. We must lock our arms and march forward. We will not let setbacks stop us. We know that honoring the legacy of those who marched then demands that we continue to push Congress to pass federal voting rights legislation."

President Joe Biden on Sunday renewed his call for the passage of voting legislation.

"The battle for the soul of America has many fronts. The right to vote is the most fundamental," Biden said in a White House statement.

In Selma, a crowd gathered hours before Harris was scheduled to speak. Rank-and-file activists of the civil rights movement, including women who fled the beatings of Bloody Sunday, were seated near the stage.

The milestone of Harris becoming the nation's first Black female vice president seemed unimaginable in 1965, they said.

"That's why we marched," Betty Boynton, the daughter-in-law of voting rights activist Amelia Boynton, said.

7 dead in Iowa after twisters tear across state, officials say

By Scott Mcfetridge and Josh Funk
Associated Press



Cleanup goes on Sunday in Winterset, Iowa, after Saturday's tornado. **BRYON HOULGRAVE/THE DES MOINES REGISTER**

WINTERSET, Iowa — Seven people were killed when several tornadoes swept through central Iowa, destroying homes and knocking down trees and power lines in the state's deadliest storm in more than a decade, authorities said.

Emergency management officials in Madison County said four were injured and six people were killed Saturday when one tornado touched down in the area southwest of Des Moines near the town of Winterset around 4:30 p.m. Among those killed were two children under the age of 5 and four adults.

In Lucas County, about 54 miles southeast of Des Moines, officials confirmed one death and multiple reported injuries when a separate tornado struck less than an hour later.

The state Department of Natural Resources said that person who died was in an RV at a campground at Red Haw State Park in Chariton, Iowa.

The National Weather Service in Des Moines tweeted Sunday that there were at least three thunderstorms producing tornadoes, but it's "unknown at this time how many tornadoes occurred."

Storms also caused damage in the Des Moines suburb of Norwalk, areas just east of Des Moines and other areas of eastern Iowa. The storms were fueled by warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico.

Officials reported a number of homes were damaged, roads were blocked by downed lines, and tree branches were shredded by the strong winds. At one point, power outages affected about 10,000 in the Des Moines area.

The storms are the deadliest to occur in Iowa since May 2008 when one tornado destroyed nearly 300 homes and killed nine people in the northern Iowa city of Parkersburg. Another tornado a month later killed four boys at the Little Sioux Boy Scout ranch in western Iowa.

Northern Illinois University meteorology professor Victor Gensini said there have been plenty of examples of deadly storms in March even though they are more common in April and May.

Saturday's storms were not nearly as unusual as the mid-December tornado outbreak that Iowa saw last year, he said.

"The storms that produce these tornadoes — these supercell storms — they don't care what the calendar says," Gensini said. "It doesn't have to say June. It doesn't have to say May. They form whenever the ingredients are present. And they were certainly present yesterday."

Scientists have said that extreme weather events and warmer temperatures are more likely to occur with human-caused climate change. However, scientifically attributing a storm system to global warming requires specific analysis and computer simulations that take time, haven't been done and sometimes show no clear connection.

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds issued a disaster proclamation for Madison County, which allows state resources to be used to assist with response and recovery efforts. Madison County Emergency Management Director Diogenes Ayala said 25 to 30 homes were badly damaged.

"This is the worst anyone has seen in a very long time," Ayala said.

Homeowners and volunteers were picking up wood debris and beginning to clear it away Sunday in the rolling hills south of Winterset as chainsaws whirred away in the background.

Amid the remnants of destroyed houses blown off their foundations, a white car sat on its roof and debris hung from the trees. The foundation was all that was left of several homes. The tornado carved a narrow path of destruction along a ridge while several hundred feet away other homes sit undamaged.

Gensini said Saturday's storms likely caused more than $1 billion in damages over their entire track when the severe damage in Iowa is combined with wind damage as far away as Illinois.

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OPINION

OP-ED

People with disabilities deserve equal care

By Sandra Carpenter

Mr. Gerald, a 71-year old man from Unionville, has been seeing his primary care physician for years. Although proud of his good health, Mr. Gerald laments that he has never been weighed or examined on the table at these appointments.

That is because Mr. Gerald has cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair, requiring additional time, staff and equipment to ensure his safe transfer.

"I guess it's just easier to do it in my wheelchair," he said. "But I can't help but wonder if something gets missed."

When Mr. Gerald saw his specialist in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation for a minor procedure, the doctor asked his aide, Mary, to lift him onto the exam table. "I was so nervous," Mary said. "I could have dropped him, but also hurt myself. He's not too heavy, but it's an awkward position for me to be in."

Mr. Gerald is not alone. Over 55,000 adults in Connecticut have mobility disability, which is defined as serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs. In fact, mobility disability is the most common disability among adult Americans, affecting 1 in 7 people. More community members with mobility limitations have chimed in recently about their health care experiences.

Mr. Moss' doctor requests he bring another person to transfer him to the exam table, a requirement that is against the law.

Ms. Rider's doctor deferred her mammogram and colonoscopy because her spina bifida made obtaining these screenings more complicated, even though she has a history of cancer in her family.

Ms. Bernard's doctor sent her to the emergency room for radiographs rather than an imaging facility because of her quadriplegia. She spent significantly more money and time as a result.

I met Mr. Gerald during my second year of medical school when I became involved with the Citizens Coalition for Equal Access (CC=A), a grassroots disability advocacy group in Greater Hartford. CC=A members have significant disabilities, and many live in accessible housing designed for people with physical disabilities. I recognized that Mr. Gerald and others were receiving substandard care. When I rotated at different Connecticut hospitals during my third and fourth years of medical school, I witnessed the physical barriers.

Decades of studies show that people with disabilities have higher rates of preventable diseases and poorer health outcomes than the general population. These stark differences in health outcomes are not primarily caused by underlying disability, but rather by the differential treatment of people with disabilities within the health care system.

One of the most significant barriers is the lack of accessible medical diagnostic equipment (MDE), including exam tables, chairs, scales, lifts and imaging equipment.

In May 2021, the National Council on Disability, an independent federal advisory agency on disability policy, published a report on this issue. Although health care providers are required by law to ensure full and equal access to their services and facilities, the written law needs enforcement to truly take effect. The Affordable Care Act required the U.S. Access Board to issue accessibility standards for MDE. Those technical standards were published in 2017 but have yet to be enforced at the federal level. So they remain recommendations and not regulations with the law behind them. The only federal agency to act is the Veterans Health Association, which requires all equipment purchases to meet the standards for MDE.

State Rep. Mike Demicco proposed a bill that would require MDE purchased by health care facilities meet or exceed those technical standards. That would effectively make Connecticut the first state to do so. I submitted public testimony in support of the bill, as did many members of CC=A. However, the bill was opposed by the Connecticut Hospital Association and Connecticut State Medical Society, both of whom cited logistical and financial barriers at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. Expectedly, the bill died.

This year, disability activists from CC=A joined a newly formed group, which meets monthly and includes stakeholders from Connecticut health care systems, the Connecticut Hospital Association, the Connecticut State Medical Society and the Connecticut Department of Public Health. The working group's objectives are twofold: first, to include people with disabilities to increase awareness of their lived experiences in the health care system with respect to accessibility; second, to develop collaborative strategies to increase the prevalence and use of accessible MDE.

Rep. Demicco will propose a bill in the 2022 legislative session with input from the working group. The cost of change has already proved to be an obstacle, especially in COVID-19 times, but disability advocates know that change is wrought from hardship and never comes at the ideal moment.

As a physician-in-training, I aim to provide quality care to all of my patients, including patients like Mr. Gerald. People with disabilities deserve equal opportunity and dignity in all aspects of life, including medical care. Ensuring accessible MDE is a critical first step toward improving health care quality and access for people with disabilities.

Names have been changed to protect privacy.

Sandra Carpenter is a fourth-year medical student at UConn. She lives in Wethersfield.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Big difference between gun-makers and automakers

Regarding Mr. George Kirkutis' assertion in the Feb. 21 Courant [Unfair to make Remington pay Sandy Hook victims] that compares Remington to Ford, GM and Chrysler, let me explain this for him: Mr. Kirkutis — Cars and other motor vehicles are manufactured for transportation. Vehicle safety is at the forefront of every manufacturer, evident in updates and recalls. Accidents happen, of course, and many result in death or injury. We have laws to protect accident victims' rights.

Assault rifles have one purpose: to kill, to do it efficiently, and to do it to as many people in the shortest time possible. Thanks to the lobbying efforts of gun-loving groups such as the NRA, the laws protecting victims of gun violence are few and weak. Motor vehicle deaths are almost always accidental. Gun deaths are almost always intentional. Can you see the difference, Mr. Kirkutis?

Alfred Fichman, Bloomfield

Letter writer wrong on Remington comparisons

A letter to the editor on Feb. 21 bemoaned the unfairness of Remington having to pay $73 million to the families of nine victims of the Sandy Hook shooting. The writer likens the action to Ford, GM and Chrysler having to pay victims of motor vehicle deaths. Under Connecticut's Unfair Trade Practices Act, a commercial practice is considered unfair if it is unethical and immoral. According to the Connecticut court system, we now know that Remington's marketing and selling of military hardware to civilians is considered unethical and immoral, and in fact, illegal in our fine state. If it were legal for private citizens to drive Abrams Battle Tanks on Connecticut interstates, therein would lie a salient comparison to Remington's civilian sales of military grade weaponry.

And lest some might shed a tear that Remington has been court-ordered to write nine sizable settlement checks, remember that this firm went bankrupt for the second time two years ago, so the settlement will actually be paid by Remington's four insurers.

Paula Norton, New Britain

Praying for our veterans, our country

I couldn't help but wonder why veterans of all the wars, past and present, gave their lives for our country. They did so for our freedom, democracy and our way of life. I don't think they fought for a dictatorship. We almost lost our country due to people who didn't understand what they were doing. If things keep going the way they are, we could be a third-world country.

My wife and I keep reminding each other how good we really have it compared to other countries. People should start caring more for our country while we still have one; I pray those veterans who gave their all, didn't do so for naught.

God bless our veterans, troops, country and pray that it wasn't all for nothing.

Tom Colapietro, Bristol

OP-ED

Trump looks increasingly like a stray hair to be flicked off the nation's sleeve

By George F. Will
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Floundering in his attempts to wield political power while lacking a political office, Donald Trump looks increasingly like a stray orange hair to be flicked off the nation's sleeve. His residual power, which he must use or lose, is to influence his party's selection of candidates for state and federal offices. This is, however, perilous because he has the power of influence only if he is perceived to have it. That perception will dissipate if his interventions in Republican primaries continue to be unimpressive.

So, Trump must try to emulate the protagonist of "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court." In Mark Twain's novel, a 19th-century American is transported back in time to Britain in the year 528. He gets in trouble, is condemned to death, but remembers that a solar eclipse occurred on the date of his scheduled execution. He saves himself by vowing to extinguish the sun but promising to let it shine again if his demands are met.

Trump is faltering at the business of commanding outcomes that are, like Twain's eclipse, independent of his interventions. Consider the dilemma of David Perdue.

He is a former Republican senator because Trump, harping on the cosmic injustice of his November loss in 2020, confused and demoralized Georgia Republicans enough to cause Perdue's defeat by 1.2 percentage points in the January 2021 runoff. Nevertheless, Trump talked Perdue into running in this year's gubernatorial primary against Georgia's Republican incumbent, Brian Kemp, whom Trump loathes because Kemp spurned Trump's demand that Georgia's presidential vote be delegitimized. In a February poll, Kemp led Perdue by 10 points.

Trump failed in his attempt to boost his preferred Senate candidate in North Carolina, Rep. Ted Budd, by pressuring a rival out of the race. As of mid-January, Budd was trailing in the polls. Trump reportedly might endorse a second Senate candidate in Alabama, his first endorsement, of Rep. Mo Brooks, having been less than earthshaking. Trump has endorsed Idaho Lt. Gov. Janice McGeachin in the gubernatorial primary against Gov. Brad Little. A poll published in January: Little 59%, McGeachin 18%. During Trump's presidency, a majority of Republicans said they were more supporters of Trump than of the GOP. That has now reversed.

Trump is an open book who has been reading himself to the nation for 40 years. In that time, he has changed just one important word in his torrent of talk: He has replaced "Japan" with "China" in assigning blame for our nation's supposed anemia. He is an entertainer whose repertoire is stale.

A European war is unhelpful for Trump because it reminds voters that Longfellow was right: Life is real, life is earnest. Trump's strut through presidential politics was made possible by an American reverie; war in Europe has reminded people that politics is serious.

From Capitol Hill to city halls, Democrats have presided over surges of debt, inflation, crime, pandemic authoritarianism and educational intolerance. Public schools, a point of friction between citizens and government, are hostages of Democratic-aligned teachers unions that have positioned K-12 education in an increasingly adversarial relationship with parents. The most lethal threat to Democrats, however, is the message Americans are hearing from the party's media-magnified progressive minority: You should be ashamed of your country.

Trump's message is similar. He says this country is saturated with corruption, from the top, where dimwits represent the evidently dimwitted voters who elected them, down to municipalities that conduct rigged elections. Progressives say the nation's past is squalid and not really past; Trump says the nation's present is a disgrace.

Speaking of embarrassments: We are the sum of our choices, and Vladimir Putin has provoked some Trump poodles to make illuminating ones. Their limitless capacity for canine loyalty now encompasses the Kremlin war criminal. (The first count against Nazi defendants at Nuremberg: "Planning, preparation, initiation and waging of wars of aggression.") For example, the vaudevillian-as-journalist Tucker Carlson, who never lapses into logic, speaks like an arrested-development adolescent: Putin has never called me a racist, so there.

J.D. Vance, groveling for Trump's benediction (Vance covets Ohio's Republican Senate nomination), two weeks ago said: "I don't really care what happens to Ukraine." Apparently upon discovering that Ohio has 43,000 Ukrainian Americans, Vance underwent a conviction transplant, saying, "Russia's assault on Ukraine is unquestionably a tragedy," and emitting clouds of idolatry for Trump's supposedly Metternichian diplomacy regarding Putin.

For Trump, the suppurating wound on American life, and for those who share his curdled venom, war is a hellacious distraction from their self-absorption. Fortunately, their ability to be major distractions is waning.

George F. Will writes on politics and domestic and foreign affairs for The Washington Post.

OP-ED

The magnitude of mental health challenges

By Paul Dworkin

The Courant's call for action on the mental health crisis impacting children and their families amplifies the voices of behavioral health experts, providers, policymakers, and, most importantly, parents [Opinion, Page 2, Feb. 27, "The time to act on mental health care is now"].

The editorial cites well-informed and evidence-based strategies to directly address the current behavioral health crisis, such as workforce development, expansion of clinician capacity, school-based peer support programs, and addressing detrimental insurance policies that demand our immediate attention and action.

However, favorably impacting the trajectory of the current crisis also demands that we go beyond the critical need for strengthening treatment to address the root causes of the problem.

As a developmental and behavioral pediatrician, I am cognizant of the magnitude of mental health challenges among children and youth. During my 15-year tenure as physician-in-chief of Connecticut Children's, I frequently shared my dismay with the extent to which children in behavioral health crisis were stuck in limbo in our emergency department.

I published an op-ed in The Courant in 2012, "Disturbed Kids Stuck In Emergency Room Limbo," in which I lamented in the wake of the Sandy Hook tragedy that 16 children in behavioral health crisis were in our ED. That number today would be seen as a relief from the daily surge of children seeking urgent behavioral health care.

The crisis unquestionably demands immediate strengthening of our capacity to treat children and youth with urgent behavioral health needs, including expanding inpatient bed capacity when hospitalization is indicated.

However, strengthening treatment access and capacity, while of enormous and critical importance, is insufficient alone to favorably alter the longer-term trajectory of this crisis. We must also acknowledge the need for a comprehensive response that encompasses strategies that address the problem's root causes — the adverse social, environmental, economic and behavioral factors that so powerfully impact families and determine children's outcomes.

We have many resources and opportunities at our disposal to favorably bend the curve of the behavioral health crisis for current and future generations of children by strengthening the capacity of families to promote their children's social and emotional competence. Select examples include the Office of Health Strategy's State Innovation Model that supports health enhancement communities, such as the North Hartford Triple Aim Collaborative, to work collaboratively across sectors to improve families' social, economic and physical conditions to improve children's well-being.

Also, there is the North Hartford Ascend Pipeline, recently funded by a U.S. Department of Education Promise Neighborhoods grant to significantly improve the academic and developmental outcomes of children living in distressed communities by enabling access of children, youth, and families to a community-based continuum of high quality services. Another example is transforming child health services to better focus on meeting parents' goals and priorities by implementing so-called goal-concordant care. And another: strengthening the capacity of the State Office of Early Childhood's Help Me Grow Connecticut, in partnership with United Way 211 and Child Development Infoline, to reach families with concerns for their children's development and behavior and ensure referral and linkage to relevant community-based programs and services.

Our ultimate success in mitigating the long-term impact of the current behavioral health crisis demands a comprehensive, integrated approach to building an equitable, accessible, effective early childhood system that will strengthen all families to advance their children's social and emotional well-being. We have the knowledge, the capacity and even the resources to implement such a system. The question is whether we have the will to prioritize such actions. I am hopeful that, as noted in the editorial, support for real change from lawmakers, practitioners and parents suggests that we do.

Paul Dworkin is executive vice president for community child health at Connecticut Children's and founding director of the Help Me Grow National Center.

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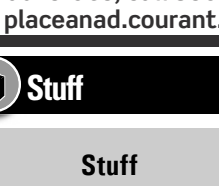
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Hartford

Norwalk S/M/WBE Contracting Opportunity. Andron Construction requests proposals from certified SBE/MWBE firms for Cranbury Elementary School, a new 66,000 gsf Elementary School in Norwalk, CT. The Work for Bid Package No. 6 (General Trades) & Bid Package No. 9 (Drywall) includes but is not limited to the following: Self-Leveling Underlayment, Interior Finish Carpentry, Waterproofing, Fluid Applied Membrane Air Barriers, Doors/Frames/Hardware, Insulated Metal Panels, Overhead Doors, Louvers, Signage, Dimensional Letter Signage, Luminous Egress Marking, Cubicle Curtains & Track, Fire Extinguishers/Cabs, Lockers, Projection Screens, Stage Curtains, Gymnasium Equipment, Roller Window Shades, Casework, Entrance Mats. If interested, contact Richard Hamilton at: Andron Construction, 21 Anderson Lane, Goldens Bridge, NY 10526. Ph: 914-232-7531. Bids are due 3/14//22.
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Connecticut

LEGAL NOTICE

Solicitation of Proposals – Modernization Consulting, Grant Writing and Administration Services
The South Windsor Housing Authority is soliciting proposals for modernization and grant administration consulting services. Services include technical services required to administer all aspects of its Modernization Programs including the renovation of the Flax Hill development.
This may include grant writing, Section 3/ VLI, Fair Housing, Equal Opportunity, Davis-Bacon/Prevailing Wage Rate Monitoring, and periodic construction inspections.
Program design and specifications are not included as part of this Request for Proposal. All activities will be performed in strict accordance with all guidelines and requirements established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (H.U.D.), Department of Housing (DOH), and Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) as they may apply. Procurement and contract award are subject to all applicable Federal, State, and local laws/regulations. Request for Proposal documents may be obtained at the offices of the South Windsor Housing Authority, 50 Elm Street, South Windsor, CT 06074. Proposals are due not later than 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 21, 2022.
AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYEER
MBE's, WBE's SBE's and SECTION 3 DESIGNATED ENTERPRISES ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The Town of South Windsor requests proposals from qualified firms or individuals for professional and technical services required to prepare a 2022 Small Cities Community Development Program Application and provide administrative and technical support to implement activities including program income during the contract period, if approved. This RFP also includes selection for other Federal/State funding programs such as STEAP, Section 108, USDA, etc… that may be used to meet local community development and housing needs.
The selected contractor will be responsible for all phases of general program administration and compliance, under the Town's direct supervision for approved projects, excluding funds disbursement, which will include such specific project administrative activities as Section 3, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Davis-Bacon compliance, housing rehabilitation design and delivery if required, etc.
All Application development and submission and Citizen Participation activities necessary for the specific project submission must be included in the proposal.
Selection will be based on amount of Small Cities projects completed, experience of staff assigned, cost, and any other factors deemed of benefit to the community.
Specific architectural and engineering services required for project activities are not being requested as part of this proposal.
Two copies of the proposal must be submitted to Town of South Windsor, Office of the Town Manager, 1540 Sullivan Ave, South Windsor, CT no later than 3pm on March 21, 2022. Proposals must include the following information:
a. proposed scope of work and project approach.
b. detailed information of the firm's background and experience in Federal/State funding, specific Small Cities CDBG Program experience is required.
c. key staff assigned with resumes.
d. proposed fee approach including a list of per diem rates by job category.
e. each proposer must provide certification of insurance in the types and amounts specified by DECD Bulletin #94-003 within ten days of selection by the Town.
Additional information is available by contacting to Patricia Perry, Director of Finance, 1540 Sullivan Avenue, South Windsor, CT 06074, telephone 860 644-2511, ext. 2263, between 9 am and 4 pm, local time, March 4, 2022, through March 14, 2022, or at pperry@southwindsor-ct.gov.
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER
WBE/MBE/SBE AND SECTION 3 BUSINESSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY
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Connecticut

The Consolidated School District of New Britain
Invitation to Bid

The Consolidated School District of New Britain, will be accepting bid proposals for the following equipment:
Access Control System utilizing the FEENICS Platform.
Bid specifications maybe solicited by email via Smedley@csdnb.org until March 3, 2022 and will be provided digitally only. Please call 860-827-2217 for information or questions.
Mandatory building walk-throughs will take place March 14, 2022.
Bid Submissions will be due March 25, 2022 by Noon.
All details related to the above bid opening and walk-throughs (if required) can be found in the individual bid documents.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Request for Proposals (RFP)
Title: FY 2022 Children's Step-up/Step-down Program

The State of Connecticut, Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is seeking proposals from providers who have experience working with children who have intellectual disabilities and behavioral health needs, to develop and operate a Children's Step-up/ Step-down Program. The program should be located in a community setting at an established location agreed upon between DDS and the provider. It will be certified as a Transitional Facility (non-licensed, 24-hour supervised setting) and serve a maximum of three individuals. The Request for Proposal is available in electronic format on the State Contracting Portal at: https://portal.ct.gov/DAS/CTSource/BidBoard
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NOTICE TO VENDORS

Notice is hereby given that HPS will receive sealed Request for Proposals on the items listed below for the 2022-2023 school year, with two possible one year extensions..

Digital Nutrition Programs

Proposals will be received at the HPS office until the hour of 5:00 p.m. E.S.T., on April 8, 2022. All proposals will be opened and read aloud at 4:00 p.m., E.S.T. on April 12, 2022, in the HPS office. Proposals will be awarded on or before June 7, 2022 at the May 2022 School Food Purchasing Advisory Committee meetings.

School Food Purchasing Program – Commercial & Commodity Products Michigan, Indiana, Ohio/Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, Wisconsin, New England, Mid Atlantic, North/South Carolina, Massachusetts and Texas States.

Proposals will be received at the HPS office until the hour of 5:00 p.m. E.S.T., on April 8, 2022. All proposals will be opened and read aloud at 4:00 p.m., E.S.T. on April 12, 2022, in the HPS office. Proposals will be awarded on or before June 7, 2022 at the May 2022 School Food Purchasing Advisory Committee meetings.

Specifications and Request for Proposal forms may be obtained from the HPS office, 3275 N. M-37 Hwy., P.O. Box 247, Middleville, MI 49333, phone number (269) 795-3308. All proposals shall be on authorized forms. E-mail your requests to Tori Mascho, tmascho@hpsgpo.com

HPS reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in part or in whole, and to waive any informalities.
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Town of Lebanon
Zoning Board of Appeals
LEGAL NOTICE

The Lebanon Zoning Board of Appeals will hold public hearings at Lebanon Town Hall, Downstairs Conference Room, 579 Exeter Road, Lebanon, CT, 06249 on Thursday, March 17, 2022, 7:00 p.m. for:

#ZBA-22-1: Niantic Bay Group LLC, 1967 N. Rosehue Path, Hernando, Florida, 34442 (applicant), Michael McMahon, PO Box 1198, Southwick, MA, 01077 (owner), for property at Deepwood Drive, Assessors Map 105, Lot 102. Variance from Section 5.2 to reduce the front yard setback on West Island Beach Road from 25 feet required to 19 feet requested for new residential home construction.

#ZBA-22-2: Michael & Ann Buchas, 500 Deepwood Drive, Lebanon, CT, 06249 (owners), Assessors Map 105, Lot 174. Variance from Section 5.2 to reduce the side yard setback from 10 feet required to, to 2.9 feet AND Section 4.6(b)(4) to increase the imperious coverage from 20 percent required to 30 percent requested for construction of an addition.

Interested parties may appear and be heard and written testimony received. Applications and plans on file in Land Use Office.

Dated at Lebanon, CT this 4th day of March, 2022.
Holli E. Smith, Recording Secretary
3/7/2022 7163732

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Town of Mansfield, Connecticut
Request for Proposals (RFP)
Acquisition of QUINT Fire Apparatus

In order to assure compliance with the Connecticut Department of Housing (DOH) and related requirements regarding competitive negotiation, the Town of Mansfield is seeking proposals from qualified vendors for QUINT fire apparatus. The apparatus is being funded, in part, through a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Housing and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
The Request for Proposals (RFP) and other contract documents may be examined and downloaded from the "Your Government" "RFQ, RFP, and Bid Postings" section of the Town of Mansfield website, http://www.mansfieldct.gov/bids.aspx and the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services website, https://portal.ct.gov/DAS/CTSource/CTSource.
Bidders wishing to submit a proposal for this solicitation are requested to respond online through our secure EProcurement portal, Bonfire. Responses can be submitted at the following link:
https://mansfieldct.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities under the bid title "QUINT Fire Apparatus". Bidders will be required to create a Bonfire profile before submitting their bid. Step-by-step instructions on how to register as a vendor are available at this website: https://mansfieldct.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=login. Due to the bid collection change to a secure online platform, multiple copies of your bid are no longer required. Please upload one (1) copy of all required bid documentation. Qualifications and proposals will be accepted until Friday, March 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Proposals received after that time will not be considered.
The Town of Mansfield hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and they will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex, in consideration for an award.
Questions regarding this RFP should be directed to Linda Painter in writing at PlanZoneDept@mansfieldct.org no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on Wednesday, February 16, 2022. No phone calls will be accepted. Addenda will be posted on the Bonfire Portal by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2022.
To receive consideration, proposals must be uploaded to the Bonfire platform no later than the day and hour mentioned above.
The Town of Mansfield reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids; to waive any informality; or to accept any bid deemed in the best interests of the Town of Mansfield.
All proposals shall be considered valid for a period of ninety (90) days.
Charmaine Bradshaw-Hill
Director of Finance
Town of Mansfield
An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer, Section 3 Contractors and Minority/Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to apply.
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NOTICE

CARE AND PROTECTION, TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS, SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION, DOCKET NUMBER: 20CP0113BE, Trial Court of Massachusetts, Juvenile Court Department, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Franklin/Hampshire County Juvenile Court, 116 Russell Street, Hadley, MA 01035 TO: Unknown unnamed father of Donovan Willey born on March 1, 2007 in Windham, CT to Christina Willey: A petition has been presented to this court by DCF Robert Van Wart, seeking, as to the following child Donovan M Willey that said child be found in need of care and protection and committed to the Department of Children and Families. The court may dispense the rights of the person(s) named herein to receive notice of or to consent to any legal proceeding affecting the adoption, custody, or guardianship or any other disposition of the child named herein, if it finds that the child is in need of care and protection and that the best interests of the child would be served by said disposition.
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You may bring an attorney with you. If you have a right to an attorney and if the court determines that you are indigent, the court will appoint an attorney to represent you.
If you fail to appear, the court may proceed on that date and any date thereafter with a trial on the merits of the petition and an adjudication of this matter.
For further information, call the Office of the Clerk- Magistrate at (413) 323-4056.
WITNESS: Hon. Charles S. Belsky, FIRST JUSTICE, Christopher D. Reavey, CLERK-MAGISTRATE, DATE ISSUED: 02/18/2022
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NOTICE OF BID

Hebron Housing Authority
Stonecroft Village Renovations
Project # 067-SC19-HHA

Sealed bids are invited and will be received by the Town of Hebron on behalf of the Hebron Housing Authority, until 2:00 PM on Thursday April 18, 2022 at the Town Manager's Office, Hebron Town Office Building, 15 Gilead Street, Hebron, CT, 06248 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. To receive consideration bids must be in the hands of the authorized representative, no later than the day and hour mentioned above.

Proposals must be submitted on the forms provided and in a sealed envelope plainly marked with the appropriate title "Stonecroft Village Renovations"

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at Stonecroft Village, 14 Stonecroft Drive, Hebron, CT, 06248, on Monday March 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room. All prospective bidders are required to attend.

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Liquor Notices

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RINKU SHRESTHA

LIQUOR PERMIT
NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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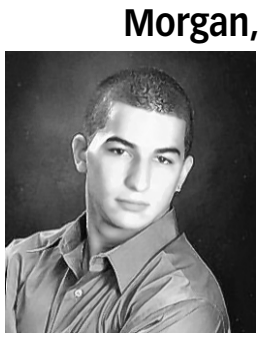
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Middletown
Geoffrey Lee Morgan

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OBITUARIES

Morgan, Geoffrey Lee



Geoffrey Lee Morgan, 35, of Middletown, passed away unexpectedly on March 1, 2022 at his home. Born in Hartford, he was the son of Jeffrey and Deborah (Morgan) Levitsky of Middletown.
Geoffrey grew up in Middletown and graduated Middletown High School Class of 2005 where he was a great soccer player. He drove a tractor trailer and worked as a millwright worker and was a member of the Millwrights Local Union. He loved camping and motorcycles and was a car and truck enthusiast, working on them when he could. Above all, Geoffrey so loved and cherished his Mom.
Along with his parents, Geoffrey is survived by his beloved Uncle Ronald Morgan of Enfield; his Uncle Steve and Aunt Linda Levitsky of Middletown and several cousins. Geoffrey was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Robert and Anne Morgan; his paternal grandparents, Edward and Faith Levitsky and his Aunt Julie Reardon.
Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, March 9 th at 11:00am at Pine Grove Cemetery, 857 South Main Street, Middletown. Family and friends may call on Tuesday evening from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Doolittle Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations in Geoffrey's memory may be made to Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.
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OBITUARIES

MILLER, Anita Catherine (Ferola)



Anita Catherine (Ferola) Miller, of Wethersfield, beloved wife of John H. Miller for 68 years, passed away peacefully at home on February 28, 2022 with her loving husband and children by her side. Born on June 20, 1931 in Hartford to the late Olindo and Anna (Ciruzzi) Ferola, Anita grew up in the South End of Hartford, proud of her Italian heritage, and lived in Wethersfield most of her life. She graduated at the top of her class from Bulkeley High School, where she met her high school sweetheart and husband John.
Anita was a beautiful woman in every sense of the word - to know her was to adore her. She was petite in stature but had a huge heart and an endearing smile. She loved Broadway musicals, and attending countless sporting and local events with John. Together they enjoyed traveling to national parks, visiting family in Italy, traveling to Europe, and participating in US friendship tours to Asia. She loved cooking for family and friends and everyone loved her wonderful pasta sauce and family favorite turkey stuffing. She was a very savvy shopper, and delighted in buying gifts for everyone and finding "good deals". She was generous, caring and would do anything to make someone happy because as she always said, that gave her tremendous joy. Her greatest pride and happiness in life was celebrating birthdays and holidays together with her family and friends.
Anita was a deeply religious woman and her Catholic faith guided her throughout her life. In addition to her husband, Anita leaves her children, Ann Brickley, Nancy Davis (Jim) and John Miller II (Lisa), all of Wethersfield and six grandchildren, David Brickley, Robert Brickley, Laura Davis, Susan Davis, Regina Miller and Margaret Miller. She also leaves her dear sister, Elizabeth Howard and brother, John Ferola, both of Santa Ana, CA , sister, Katherine Glynn of Hartford and many nieces, nephews, cousins and endeared friends.
A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating Anita's life will be held Tuesday, March 8 at 11:00 a.m. at the Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect Street, Wethersfield. Women are invited to wear a simple hat to honor Anita and her fondness for adorable hats. There are no calling hours, and the burial service will be private. The family is grateful for the loving care she received at home from her caregivers. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Anita's name to The Hole in the Wall Gang, 555 Long Wharf Drive, New Haven, CT 06511 or https://www.holeinthewallgang.org. To share a memory of Anita with her family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.

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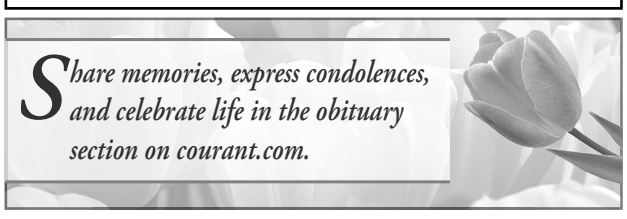
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Smith, Winnie

Winnie Smith passed away peacefully on July 12 surrounded by her beloved. She was born in San Francisco on June 20, 1942 to Robert and Margaret Kao, the second of four children. After Winnie graduated from high school, she studied art and earned her BA in Education. After graduation, Winnie taught at a local elementary school until her marriage to John Smith in 1968. The couple moved to Smithville shortly after, then relocated to Springfield in 1973 with their two daughters. Winnie returned to teaching in 1984 and she kept "Ms Winnie's Room" well-stocked with colored pencils, paint, and gentle encouragement for the next 25 years. After her husband died in 2010, Winnie retired to the beach where she channeled her creativity into beautiful collages that celebrated the natural world, she found so inspiring.



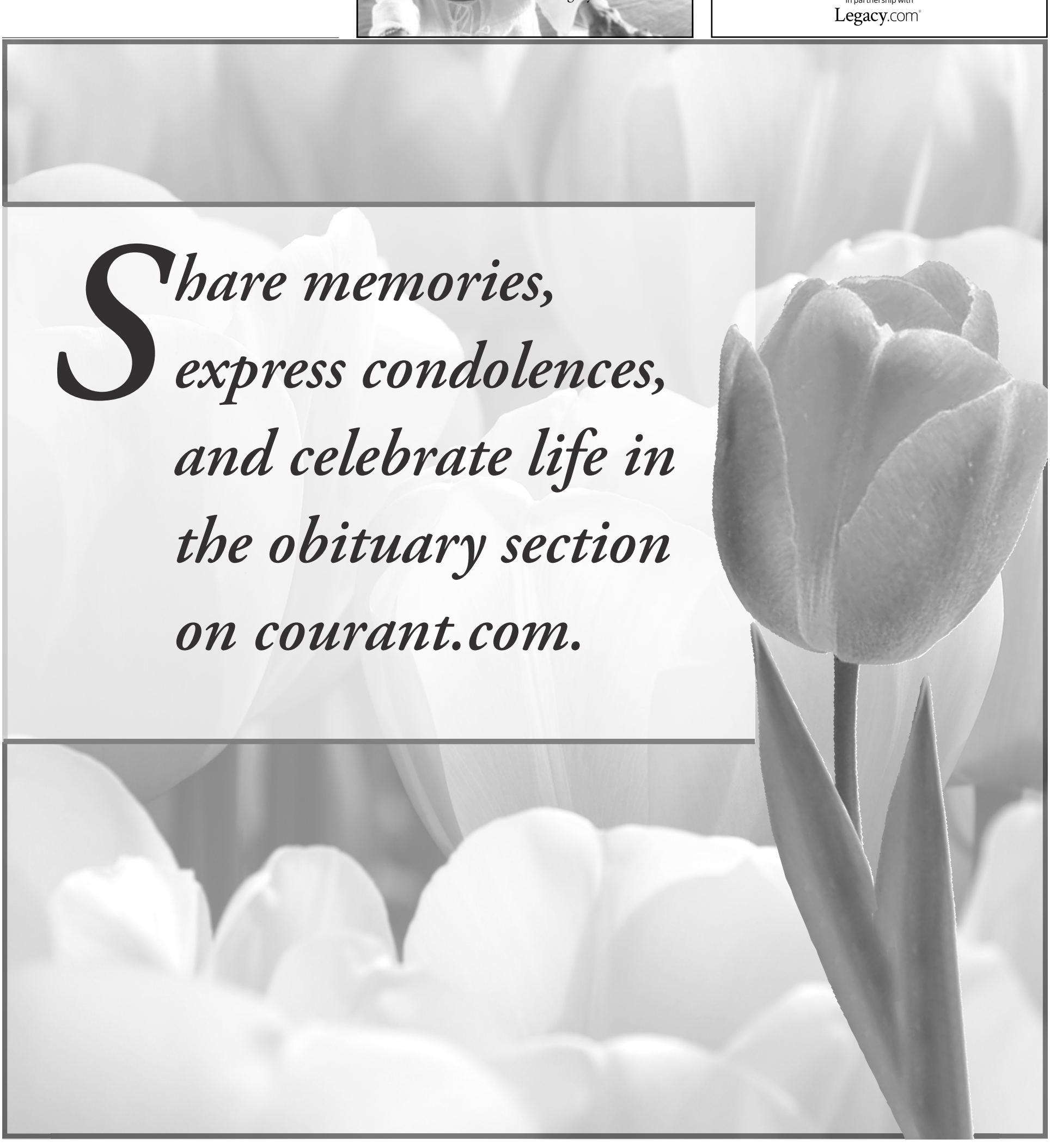
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Battle brewing over union-backed bill

Lamont quiet so far on banning 'captive audience' meetings

By Mark Pazniokas
Ctmirror.org

A major fight is unfolding over whether Connecticut will become the second state with a law outlawing "captive audience" meetings, one of the weapons unions say is regularly deployed to thwart organizing campaigns at a time of worker unrest and union popularity. Hospitals, the insurance industry and other business interests are lobbying against a bill that has bubbled to the top of labor's priority list after being eclipsed in recent years by other union initiatives, including COVID-19 protections, a $15 minimum wage and paid family and medical leave.

"I've introduced this bill several times, and I believe this is the year we can get it across the finish line," Senate President Pro Tem Martin M. Looney, D-New Haven, recently told a labor audience.

Businesses say the measure infringes on the ability of companies to freely communicate with employees and is preempted by federal law allowing them to lobby against unions as long as that "expression contains no threat of reprisal or force or promise of benefit."

Unions say it only bars management from coercion by allowing employees to opt out of meetings.

"These are mandatory closed-door meetings during work hours,

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Backed by Senate President Pro Tempore Martin M. Looney, left, and Speaker of the House Joe Aresimowicz, Gov. Ned Lamont speaks during his address to a joint session of the legislature. **MARK MIRKO/ HARTFORD COURANT**



Obsessed with strong female animated characters, Korean American Julia Riew didn't see any who looked like her, so she's designed her own. Riew, a Harvard senior, wrote a full-length musical as her thesis and played the part of Princess Shimcheong. **CHARLES KRUPA/AP**

'Honestly still feels like I'm dreaming'

Harvard senior sees Disney-inspired Korean musical become big hit

By Philip Marcelo
Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Disney has done the frozen Nordic princess, the Chinese warrior princess and many others in between. But a Korean princess? Not so much.

Harvard University student Julia Riew has set out to fix that. The 22-year-old Korean American senior wrote "Shimcheong: A Folktale" — a full-length musical inspired by a Korean folktale with a decidedly Disney movie vibe — as her senior thesis.

She's been releasing snippets of it on TikTok since January and has quickly amassed a passionate following with the short videos that show her transforming into an animated princess as she belts out her songs.

"What stood out to me is that it's a story about a young woman who goes on an adventure. There aren't too many stories in Korean folklore about women, especially ones where they go on adventures."

— Julia Riew, writer of "Shimcheong: A Folktale"

Riew has even sparked interest from Hollywood and theater producers, while supporters have taken to creating visuals and animations to help bring her story to life.

"It honestly still feels like I'm dreaming," she said recently. "It's been heartwarming to see the reaction, especially among the Korean American community."

Riew, who grew up in St. Louis before her family moved to New York City and then Connecticut, hopes the musical follows the same trajectory of others successfully workshopped and crowdsourced on TikTok in recent years.

"Ratatouille: The TikTok Musical"

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City of Bristol hit with subpoena

Federal grand jury looking at state school construction spending

By Dave Altimari
CT Mirror

Federal authorities have issued a subpoena to the city of Bristol seeking all records affiliated with the Bristol Memorial Boulevard Arts Magnet School project, making it at least the second project to draw the interest of a federal grand jury investigating Konstantinos Diamantis and the state's school construction grant program.

Bristol Corporation Counsel Edward Krawiecki Jr. said that the city had received the subpoena electronically and was in the process of accumulating the documents and emails that the grand jury is seeking.

Krawiecki said he was awaiting guidance from the FBI before releasing the actual subpoena but acknowledged it was identical to one that Tolland officials received regarding a school building project in that town. Bristol has the same mid-March time frame to produce the evidence, he said.

Tolland officials acknowledged Thursday that they had received a subpoena from federal authorities seeking records from 2015 to the present "identifying all Office of School Construction Grants & Review (OSCG&R) projects in Tolland; all communications with or related to Konstantinos Diamantis or any other employee of OSCG&R; all documents related to any OSCG&R project at Birch Grove Primary School."

The Bristol and Tolland school projects are the only two school construction projects that the Bristol-based D'Amato Construction has been involved in over the past four years.

D'Amato is partnering with Downes Construction as the general contractor on the $63 million Bristol school project. They were the general contractor on the $46 million Birch Grove School project in Tolland.

In Bristol, city officials sparred with Diamantis over whom to hire to do hazardous waste removal

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Uber Eats driver attacked during Westport car theft

Police say 3 teens led chase into Bridgeport

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

A woman driver for a food delivery service suffered a serious head injury and was hospitalized Saturday night when three teenagers stole her car in Westport Saturday night and led police on a chase into Bridgeport.

Police in Westport said they got a report at 7 p.m. Saturday that a car was stolen from a 64-year-old driver for Uber Eats, who was picking up a pizza for delivery from a restaurant on the Post Road. According to police, the victim said she was injured trying to stop the theft after noticing, while in the restaurant, that someone was getting into her car, a white Hyundai.

The police said they learned at the restaurant that witnesses saw the suspect get out of a black Acura prior to the theft and that both cars were last seen traveling west on Post Road East.

An officer stationed on the Sherwood Island Connector spotted both cars traveling onto I-95 toward Bridgeport. The officer activated his lights and siren in an attempt to make a traffic stop, but both cars fled, police said.

Because of what the police called the severity of the crime, the officer pursed the two cars. He lost sight of the stolen Hyundai but pursued the Acura, which exited I-95 in Bridgeport. Police said the driver apparently lost control and struck several parked cars.

Two occupants ran from Acura and a third was captured by the

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REVIEW

Hartford Stage's 'Dishwasher Dreams': To America, with jokes



Avirodh Sharma, left, and Alaudin Ullah in the immigrant tale "Dishwasher Dreams" at Hartford Stage through March 20. **MICHAEL BROSILOW/COURTESY**

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Alaudin Ullah has written a play with a punchline.

For 90 minutes in his autobiographical monologue "Dishwasher Dreams," Ullah spins stories about his parents' journey to the United States from Bangladesh and his own experiences as a South Asian child growing in New York City's Spanish Harlem.

The performance, backed by percussionist Avidrodh Sharma, grows steadily in power and confidence, its main themes deepening as its main characters grow and change.

Then Ullah whips it all into a memorable, meaningful, mighty conclusion. "Is this America?" he asks.

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where workers are often threatened and harassed about joining the union," said Ed Hawthorne, the president of the Connecticut AFL-CIO.

Two-thirds of Americans approved of unions in a Gallup poll last year, the highest point since 1965. But union membership fell to 10% of the workforce, a statistic labor leaders say is evidence of an unfair playing field produced by adverse laws, a hostile Supreme Court and sophisticated union-busting techniques.

Connecticut is a labor-friendly state, but one with a decades-long history of anemic job growth that sometimes makes lawmakers wary of putting the state at the forefront of labor fights — a concern that business is trying to exploit in fighting more than three dozen pending labor bills.

"We've got a serious issue in this state in terms of getting people back into the workplace," said Eric Gjede, a lobbyist for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association. "These guys keep focusing on other things, rather than this critical issue that's really stopping our ability to recover. And the captive audience bill is just one of those things."

Gov. Ned Lamont, a Democrat and cable entrepreneur with a keen sensitivity as to how the state's business climate is viewed nationally, supported passage of the $15 minimum wage and paid leave, but he has resisted labor's calls for a more progressive tax structure.

One of his prime talking points in last month's State of the State address was that Connecticut has jumped 11 places to a middle-of-the-pack ranking of 24th in the CNBC's list of best places for business, and the state had the unfamiliar experience of an upgraded bond rating on Lamont's watch.

His administration submitted no testimony on a captive-audience bill in 2019, his first year in office, or on Friday when the latest version was up for a public hearing before the legislature's Judiciary Committee. Hawthorne said talks are continuing with the administration.

"We're hopeful the governor's office is on board," he said.

Wisconsin passed a captive audience bill in 2009 before rescinding it. Oregon's bill has been the subject of a court fight, with the National Labor Relations Board arguing it is in conflict with federal labor law.

When George Jepsen, a Democrat and former union lawyer, was attorney general, he issued a legal opinion warning that a proposed captive-audience law would be preempted by federal law. His successor, William Tong, also a Democrat, took a similar view in 2019 on one version but concluded that a narrower version could withstand a legal challenge. The bill reached the Senate floor but never came to a vote.

CBIA, the Connecticut Hospital Association and the Insurance Association of Connecticut are opposed. John D. Blair, a CBIA lawyer, told the Judiciary Committee Friday that even the current version is intrusive.

"The practical impact of this bill is that employers will never be able to hold a meeting and have honest conversations with employees without the risk of people walking out," Blair said. "For instance, an employer could not update employees regarding the law and regulations impacting their jobs, wages, benefits, FMLA, and corporate and community charitable giving and social activities."

Craig Becker, the general counsel for the AFL-CIO, said the bill is constitutional.

"The bill in no way prevents employers or anyone else from discussing religion, politics or any other subject," he said. "The only thing the bill prohibits is threatening to discharge or discipline or actually discharging or disciplining employees who do not wish to listen to such speech."

Versions of the bill have been proposed in Connecticut for two decades, a period in which the influence of unions waxed and waned at the General Assembly, tracking the strength of Democrats.

Republicans slowly eclipsed Democratic power from 2010 to 2016, when the GOP won half the seats in the Senate and came within five of a majority in the House of Representatives. But Democrats, and labor, have since rebounded.

Democrats currently hold majorities of 23-13 in the Senate and 97-54 in the House.

Mark Pazniokas is a reporter for The Connecticut Mirror (https://ctmirror.org/).
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Riew

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debuted in 2020 as a benefit concert featuring Adam Lambert, Wayne Brady and other stars after the idea percolated for months on the social media platform among musical theater fans and out-of-work performers.

Last year, the female duo known as Barlow & Bear went viral on TikTok with a song inspired by the soapy Netflix period drama "Bridgerton." That led to "The Unofficial Bridgerton Musical," a 15-song album now up for a Grammy — a first for a TikTok collaboration.

Riew's musical draws on the Korean folktale "The Blind Man's Daughter," about a young woman who tries to restore her blind father's sight but ends up in the faraway Dragon Kingdom.

In Riew's version, the young Shimcheong spends years growing up in the magical realm before setting out on an epic journey home. Along the way, truths are revealed, obstacles are overcome and there's no shortage of laughs and catchy songs.

If that sounds like the plot for many of Disney's most beloved works, that's the point, says Riew, who grew up on a steady diet of Disney and Broadway soundtracks and began writing her own songs and musicals at a young age.

"What stood out to me is that it's a story about a young woman who goes on an adventure," she explains. "There aren't too many stories in Korean folklore about women, especially ones where they go on adventures."

Disney has historically struggled to reflect the diversity of its audience, falling back on stories featuring predominantly white characters and stereotypical depictions of non-white cultures, says Jana Thomas, a media and communications professor at Kansas State University who researches social media and has also written about representation in Disney films.

But the entertainment giant has responded to calls for more representative works and found success, from 2016's "Moana" to "Coco," "Soul," "Raya and the Last Dragon" and last year's hit "Encanto," she said. "Turning Red," an animated film Disney's Pixar studios is set to release, features a teenage Chinese-Canadian protagonist.

"Julia's use of TikTok to build a fanbase and attract the attention of Disney was a well-executed move," Thomas adds. "She used a social media platform preferred by a user demographic that support her goal to increase representation within media and entertainment. I'd love to see Julia's story be an example for others who want to maximize the proactive and positive power of social media."

Spokespeople for Disney didn't respond to an email seeking comment. But even if the film studio doesn't come calling, Riew is optimistic Shimcheong will live on after she graduates and embarks on a career as a musical composer and lyricist. She's already hired an agent to help navigate some of the early discussions.

"It seems at this point the project will be moving forward," she said. "Not sure yet if that means as a stage production, as an indie film or something else, but there definitely has been some interest."

Riew says she's long toyed with the idea of a musical drawing from her Korean heritage but only seriously started working on it after the coronavirus pandemic hit and she ended up moving back home because campus was shuttered.

Riew admits she struggled at times to write the story and questioned if it was appropriate for her, as a third generation Korean American, to tell it.

"There were moments where I tried to quit, when I felt like I was a fake Korean," she said. "But I realized over the process that we can only really represent our own story, and that's totally OK. There's no such thing as one way to be Korean."

Putting the videos up on TikTok hasn't just helped generate buzz for the project — it's also helped her refine it.

Riew says she changed the character of Lotus, Shimcheong's sidekick and the story's comic relief, from a dragon to a gumiho — a mythical nine-tail fox in Korean folklore — based on feedback from supporters.

"It's been reinvigorating," she said of putting out her work to the sometimes critical eye of social media. "It's been eye-opening to realize how many people would love to see this come to fruition."

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Ullah's a seasoned standup comic, and he dips into the comic's tool bag for his presentation here: waving arms, comic voices, finely detailed cultural references (from Satyajit Ray to Bruce Lee to Ullah's comedy idols George Carlin and Richard Pryor). Even when the talk is of depression or death, humor is paramount. The family stories either have funny endings or contain funny, exasperated characters.

Ullah's outfitted in the comedian's uniform of a T-shirt, blue jeans and nice sneakers. Sharma is also dressed comfortably, though less casually. The set they are on — a dark slatted wooden platform backed by a similarly dark slatted wooden wall, with Sharma on his own raised area of the stage — adds a formal quality which balances the loose nature of Ullah's storytelling. The great regional theater director Chay Yew keeps Ullah from wandering away and has him travel around the stage in crisp straight lines. There's some purposeful clutter to the storytelling, but not to the staging.

The clever lighting design by Anshuman Bhatia eschews spotlights for square blocks of light, which give a panel-by-panel comic strip feel to the narrative. Ullah moves from one block to another when switching to a new character or topic, or just to change his position for variety's sake. The only prop is a chair, which serves as a makeshift comedy club stage, a metaphor for loss and sometimes just a place for Ullah to sit down — "Dishwasher Dreams" is clearly a strenuous show to perform, particularly a couple of lengthy, exciting segments set at Yankee Stadium.

Sharma, a virtuoso on the India hand drums known as tabla, gets to do a short preshow set while the house lights are still on in the auditorium. He taps out very precise patterns that can turn into melodies (including one that mimics Henry Mancini's "Pink Panther" theme). Silently, through smiles and gestures, he leads the audience in a hand-clapping accompaniment to his impressive percussion. He's essentially a warmup act to Ullah, whom he then supports with beats that serve as sound effects, a soundtrack and an ambient soundscape that helps set "Dishwasher Dreams"'s erratic pace.

Due to its jokes-within-a-story-within-a-play structure, there's a stop-start quality to much of the show. Ullah, however, is affable and endearing enough to get through any lag time. When he sometimes messes up a carefully scripted line, he gives an adorable little chuckle and gets on with it. When one story gets a robust laugh despite its downbeat tone he has a follow-up line ready: "Thank you for laughing at my pain."

"Dishwasher Dreams" is jokey, but the jokes are instructive. Many of them involve racist remarks directed at Ullah and his family by neighbors, schoolmates, work colleagues, rednecks in diners in the Southern U.S. during Jim Crow and especially casting agents auditioning Ullah for demeaning movie roles. (One asks him to "do a Muslim accent.") Other jokes revolve around Ullah trying to find himself: "I'm about as Muslim as Pee Wee Herman," he claims early in the show, but his religious upbringing ends up informing much of his moral struggle and search for meaning.

Ultimately, "Dishwasher Dreams" comes down to a series of differing impressions of America. Is it a place of freedom or of oppression? Opportunity or disillusionment? Respect or disappointment?" The best thing about "Dishwasher Dreams" is that it's not easy, not clean, not pat. It's messy and funny and real.

At Friday's opening night performance, Ullah was moved to make a curtain speech that linked "Dishwasher Dreams" to current world events. "We are immigrants. We are not boogeymen. We stand in solidarity with Ukraine." He also thanked Hartford Stage for supporting the play, which has been extensively revised after its one previous production at Writers Theatre in Chicago. "This is theater that is not normally produced," Ullah proclaimed.

And why not? Isn't this America?

Christopher Arnott can be reached at carnott@courant.com.

If you go

"Dishwasher Dreams," written and performed by Alaudin Ullah and directed by Chay Yew, runs through March 20 at Hartford Stage, 50 Church St., Hartford. Tickets $20 to $100. Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test is required. Masks required. For more info, go to **hartfordstage.org.**

Theft

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pursuing officer, the police said. Bridgeport officers, called to the scene, captured the other two suspects, police said.

Police learned that the Acura was stolen from Hamden earlier in the day. Police found a handgun in the Acura.

Police said Giovanni Abreu, 18, and two juveniles were taken into custody and charged with robbery, conspiracy to commit robber, assault on an elderly person, larceny, conspiracy to commit larceny, criminal possession of a firearm, illegal transfer of a firearm, theft of a firearm, engaging police in pursuit and reckless driving.

Abreu was held on $100,000 bond and the police were preparing to transfer the other suspects to juvenile detention. No additional information was available on the suspects.

Police said they are searching for the Hyundai and the person who stole it.

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from the Memorial Boulevard school site.

Dale Clift, Bristol's corporation counsel before Krawiecki, wrote a letter to Diamantis in May 2020 that described the back-and-forth that took place between the city and the state. It laid out a detailed timeline of what the state had communicated to the city.

The letter shows that the city received numerous bids for the demolition and abatement work for Bristol's Memorial Boulevard Arts Magnet School on April 21, 2020.

Select Demo Services, which is headquartered in New Hampshire, was the lowest bidder, offering to do the work for $4.73 million.

But before the contract could be finalized, Clift wrote, officials in the city were approached by Michael Sanders, a former employee at the state Department of Administrative Services. He advised the city to reject the other bids and hire Bestech, an Ellington-based company, instead.

According to Clift's letter, that "directive" was delivered by Sanders but was issued by Diamantis.

But Diamantis never responded to the letter, Clift said.

The city eventually gave the contract to Select Demo after the company hired an attorney to protest the bid.

The Tolland elementary school was built after the state Department of Administrative Services granted the project emergency status because of a report that its foundation was crumbling. The school was eventually built by D'Amato Construction.

The construction manager on the project was Construction Advocacy Professionals (CAP) which had hired Anastasia Diamantis, Kosta's daughter, in the midst of receiving two contracts worth $530,000 to oversee the Birch Grove project.

The grand jury issued a subpoena to the state in October seeking emails and texts by Diamantis from January 2018 until he left state service. Among the search words that they asked state officials to find were Construction Advocacy Services, D'Amato Construction and Birch Grove.

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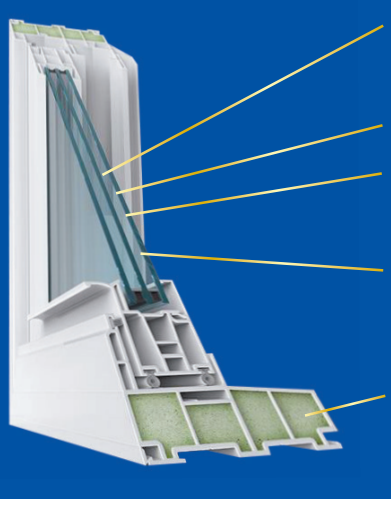
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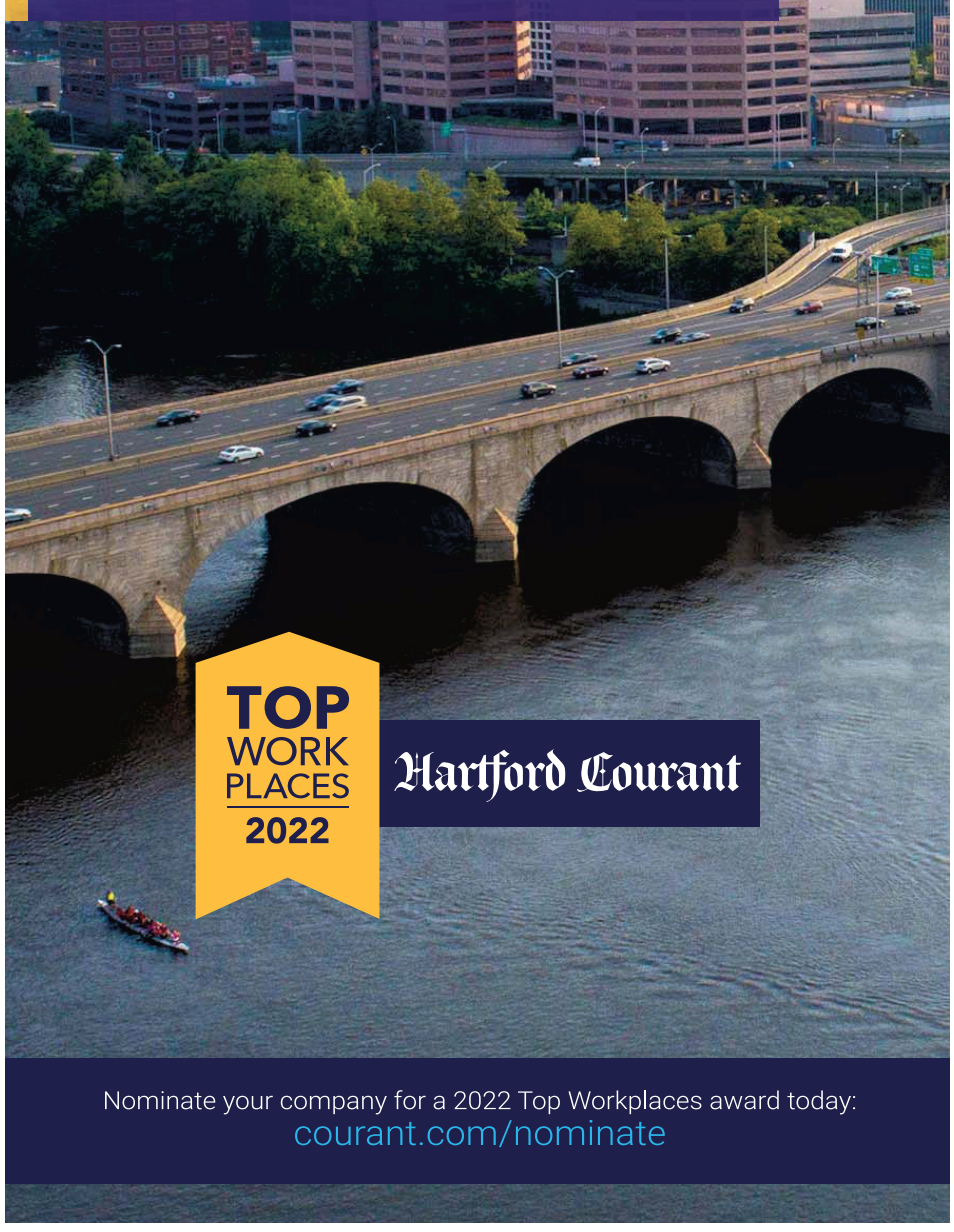
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NOW PLAYING

Reviews of movies showing in theaters or streaming online

'AFTER YANG': In Kogonada's directorial debut, "Columbus," he explored the "modernism of the soul," through the architecture of Columbus, Indiana, and the unique connection between two strangers seeing each other, and themselves, against the backdrop of the environments they share. In his second feature film, "After Yang," Kogonada once again takes up the question of the soul and its existence in modern, even postmodern, times. But while "Columbus" was an exploration of the soul in a space, "After Yang" takes up the question of the soul throughout time. Kogonada adapted "After Yang" from the short story "Saying Goodbye to Yang" from the book "Children of the New World" by Alexander Weinstein, and the film takes place in a near future that looks a bit different, but functions in the same way. This sleekly modern world is informed by East Asian aesthetics, food and culture, and the advanced technologies are familiar: FaceTime, self-driving cars, video games, animated photo snippets. It is a world so close we might reach out touch it, and with the warm, comfortable production design by Alexandra Schaller and gauzy cinematography by Benjamin Loeb, Kogonada makes the film an almost tactile experience. 1:36. 4 stars. Streaming on Showtime. — *Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service*

'THE BATMAN': Just when you've had it with Gotham City, caped crusaders and the whole franchise, along comes a good Batman movie — easily the best since "The Dark Knight" 14 years and an entire film industry ago. "The Batman" features a solemnly effective new Bruce Wayne/Batman courtesy of Robert Pattinson. He has a superb counterpoint/frenemy/soul mate in Zoe Kravitz's Selina Kyle/Catwoman. Selina works as a nightclub hostess (vaguely defined on purpose) in a mob hangout frequented by John Turturro's Falcone, who is outfitted by sunglasses handed down, apparently, from Sam Giancana. "Oz" Cobblepot, aka The Penguin, reports to Falcone but isn't happy about the arrangement. He's played by an unrecognizable Colin Farrell. Meanwhile, Andy Serkis as Wayne's guardian Alfred Pennyworth is lovely, a naturally civilized antidote to all the hellishness swirling around him. All it takes for Gotham, aka America, to give into pure chaos, is simple: "fear, and a little focused violence," according to Paul Dano's Riddler. "The Batman," rated PG-13 but barely, plays all the sides of Gotham's mean streets more compellingly, and without mainlining the viciousness "Joker" style. I don't know if we needed "The Batman," but Matt Reeves, the director and co-writer, and company certainly elevated it. 2:56. 3 stars. — *Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune*

'CYRANO': The new "Cyrano" movie is an eyeful; but for the ear, more like half-full. But you always take your chances with a musical adaptation of the 1897 Edmond Rostand play about the poet warrior of the title who embarks on an anguished ghostwriting project to help out his fellow soldier, Christian, at the behest of Roxanne, who has fallen in love with Christian at first sight. Peter Dinklage originated his Cyrano at the Goodspeed Opera House in Connecticut in 2018, then went off-Broadway in 2019. Erica Schmidt, who is married to Dinklage, directed and wrote the book for that show. Director Joe Wright enlisted her to do the screenplay for the new film, and here we have it: a swank but errant enterprise, with many confident elements very nearly making up for a movie that doesn't really benefit from song or dance. 2:04. 2 ½ stars. — *Michael Phillips*

'LUCY AND DESI': With the premiere of the documentary "Lucy and Desi" directed by Amy Poehler on Amazon, the streaming platform is home now to three projects about Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz. It joins the release this past fall of the embarrassingly bad biopic from Aaron Sorkin ("Being the Ricardos" starring Nicole Kidman and Javier Bardem) and, on the other end of the spectrum, the wonderfully complex and compelling 1993 documentary "Lucy and Desi: A Home Movie," made by the couple's daughter, Lucie Arnaz. Of the three films, Poehler's effort falls somewhere in the middle, at once superfluous but sincere in its efforts to celebrate and also understand the duo who would change television forever, but had a famously difficult marriage as well, which would end, after two decades together, in 1960. 1:43. 2 ½ stars. Streaming on Amazon Prime. — *Nina Metz, Chicago Tribune*

'NO EXIT': On the one hand, director Damien Power — working from a screenplay by Andrew Barrer and Gabriel Ferrari, who have adapted Taylor Adams' 2017 novel of the same name — has crafted a movie stress-inducing enough to feel big screen-worthy. On the other, the story is overly simple, and the movie's cast — with one-time "24" star and Allstate Insurance pitchman Dennis Haysbert easily being the most recognizable of the faces — has a distinct TV-movie feel. As you'd hope from its title, where "No Exit" succeeds is in its entrapment of all its key players. Be he or she a kidnapper or merely a weary traveler, the person has nowhere to go. It's not as if the woods surrounding the rest stop offer anything in the way of safety given the weather raging outside its walls, and no one can call for help. Instead, it features some Tarantino-ian violence, "No Exit" becoming somewhat unexpectedly gruesome in its final stretch. Be prepared to squirm on your couch, at least a little. 1:35. 2 stars. Streaming on Hulu. — *Mark Meszoros, Willoughby News-Herald*

'STRAWBERRY MANSION': The beguiling, low-fi "Strawberry Mansion" is the kind of movie they don't make anymore — pure fantasy of consistently sprightly invention, special effects and animation elements with actual charm, and a spirit I can only describe as soulful. It's 2035. The federal government employs "dream auditors" to make sure people are paying their taxes on their dream lives. One such auditor, Preble, visits the country home of Bella. She's living alone, serenely, with her chickens and a turtle, and an entire roomful of antiquated VHS tapes predating the 2035-era's "airstick" method of recording dreams. What Preble finds on this particular job is even trippier than the previous sentence indicates. 1:31. 3 ½ stars. — *Michael Phillips*



Robert Pattinson and Zoe Kravitz in "The Batman." **JONATHAN OLLEY/WARNER BROS. PICTURES**

'STUDIO 666': Horror is so hot right now, everyone wants a bite. No longer relegated to the midnight movie, the often low-budget, high-profit genre isn't just flourishing at the box office in the lingering pandemic market, it's practically saturated it. So it's no surprise that a beloved rock band, especially one as affable as the Foo Fighters might want in on the action. What they've come up with is a goofy, gory horror comedy, "Studio 666," directed by BJ McDonnell, written by Jeff Buhler and Rebecca Hughes, from a story by Foo frontman Dave Grohl. Neither funny nor scary, "Studio 666" is lacking in all tension and suspense. Not even the presence of the Horror Master himself, John Carpenter, or 2022's newly minted Scream Queen Jenna Ortega ("Scream," "X"), can offer true horror bona fides to this flick, while stand-up comic Whitney Cummings can't make this thing funny either. 1:46. 1 ½ stars. — *Katie Walsh.*

'UNCHARTED': It was well into the third act of "Uncharted," during the airborne pirate ship battle, that I began to wonder: Who on Earth are these people? Of course, we know their names, and what they're doing — Mark Wahlberg is Victor "Sully" Sullivan, Tom Holland his young protege, Nathan Drake, and they're on a globe-trotting adventure to find a treasure trove of gold stashed by Magellan's crew, and perhaps Nathan's long-lost brother, but really, who are they? What do they actually want (aside from gold)? How did Sully's profession become pillaging the pillagers? "Uncharted" is fine, and entertaining enough, but while some moments are inspired, others are completely inert. It's oddly neutered and bloodless, the stakes negligible. It feels like a project with so much potential that never fully achieves liftoff. 1:56. 2 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

RATINGS: The movies listed are rated according to the following key: 4 stars, excellent; 3 stars, good; 2 stars, fair; 1 star, poor.

CELEBRITIES

Anderson to tell 'real story' in doc

From news services

"Baywatch" star Pamela Anderson will get to tell her own story in her own way with a new Netflix documentary.

The former Playboy playmate-turned-actor — who's also the subject of a much buzzed-about eight-part Hulu series based on the sex tape scandal with ex-husband Motley Crue drummer Tommy Lee — recently announced the news on social media.

"My life/ A thousand imperfections/ A million misperceptions/ Wicked, wild and lost/ Nothing to live up to/ I can only surprise you/ Not a victim, but a survivor/ And alive to tell the real story," reads her handwritten note on Netflix letterhead.

Her son, Brandon Thomas Lee, who serves as a producer on the project, reposted the note on his Instagram story underscoring the phrase, "The real story."

The film has reportedly been in the works for several years and will include archival footage, her personal journals and exclusive access to the pop culture icon.

Neither Lee nor Anderson was involved in the making of "Pam & Tommy," a fictionalized account providing background for one of the pair's most infamous episodes: their stolen sex tape.



Actor Pamela Anderson will be the subject of a new Netflix documentary. **ALBERTO PIZZOLI/GETTY-AFP 2019**

Hudson to host daytime talk show: Two decades after her "American Idol" outing, Grammy and Oscar winner Jennifer Hudson is returning to television this fall to host "The Jennifer Hudson Show," a one-hour, syndicated daytime talk show on Fox TV stations.

"People from around the world have been a part of my journey from the beginning — 20 years ago — and I'm so ready to join their journey as we sit down and talk about the things that inspire and move us all," Hudson, 40, said in a statement.

"The Jennifer Hudson Show" will be produced in Los Angeles by Warner Bros. Unscripted Television and Telepictures.

Universal acquires Diamond's catalog: Universal Music Group reached an agreement with singer-songwriter Neil Diamond to acquire the rights to his entire song catalog and handle his future releases, the company announced recently. Universal didn't disclose the agreement's terms, but said the acquisition includes 110 previously unreleased songs by Diamond, as well as a never-before-heard album.

Diamond, 81, whose hits include "Sweet Caroline," "Solitary Man" and "I'm a Believer," said he feels confident the company will "continue to represent my catalogue, and future releases with the same passion and integrity that have always fueled my career."

Costner to narrate series on Yellowstone: Kevin Costner, star of Paramount's Western series "Yellowstone," has agreed to narrate a four-part series on the 150th anniversary of Yellowstone National Park for the Fox Nation streaming service. Debuting this fall, "Yellowstone: One-Fifty" will focus on the park's history and wildlife. Costner's company, Territory Films, is making the four-hour series with Warm Springs Productions.

March 7 birthdays: Actor Daniel J. Travanti is 82. Guitarist Ernie Isley is 70. Actor Bryan Cranston is 66. Comedian Wanda Sykes is 58. Actor Jonathan Del Arco is 56. Actor Rachel Weisz is 52. Actor Peter Sarsgaard is 51. Actor Jay Duplass is 49. Actor Jenna Fischer is 48. Actor Tobias Menzies is 48. Actor Laura Prepon is 42.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Couple drop the 'P-bomb' on their parents

Dear Amy: Our son and daughter-in-law, married for about six years, recently dropped a bomb on my husband and me.

They told us they are involved in polyamorous relationships where each has another partner, lover or person they each spend a lot of time with outside of the marriage.

They tell us that this lifestyle is becoming more common. They are in their mid-30s, and don't have children.

We are having a hard time understanding this choice and accepting what this will mean for our relationship going forward, and for our larger family.

We are the only family members they have shared this information with so far, and we are sworn to secrecy.

They may have eased their consciences by telling us, but now we are left with troubling and unsettling information and no place to go with it.

What can we do to ease our troubled minds?

— *Bewildered Parents*

Dear Bewildered: Let's start by talking about divorce. Not that long ago, divorce meant a total severing of a relationship. But then Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin highlighted the concept of "conscious uncoupling," where a couple ceases to be married, but continues to love one another, even as they move onto other relationships.

You may define marriage as monogamy until divorce or death, but as people explore their freedom to redefine the boundaries of what it means to be married, they may choose "ethical non-monogamy," which is where they remain lovingly married, but are free to engage in other romantic relationships in a way that they believe is open and honest. They don't define this as infidelity. It is about consensual relationships.

The important question is how these polyamorous relationships will affect children growing up in families with three or four adults who all identify as parents and partners. If all the adults are stable, loving and committed to the children, then I imagine the kids will be fine.

Take a breath, do some reading about polyamory, and understand that you define marriage one way, while they define it differently.

Unless you and they are religious, this doesn't make it "wrong." It just makes it "what is."

This is their life and their choice, and if they want to remove the taboo surrounding polyamory, you should discourage them from defining this as a deep, dark family secret.

Dear Amy: About five years ago, I met a married couple at a local coffee shop. I consider them acquaintances. They think we're friends.

I found the guy to be really annoying and tried not to run into them.

They moved to another city. They had a going away party, and I decided to go because I figured I would never see them again.

Suddenly, they moved back because he now has cancer and is getting treatment here.

I now have had to feign interest and concern. I've run into them on the street a few times and get messages and calls from them on a regular basis.

How do I get away from them? Does this make me a bad person because now he has cancer? I just don't care about them!

— *Nice Guy, Not Heartless*

Dear Heartless: Keep your boundaries in place. It is easy to let calls go to voicemail and to dodge texts, if that's what you want to do.

Think about the actual amount of time spent interacting with them, and then determine to be nice to them when you do.

They are human beings. You are, too. Do you have to care about someone to express compassion? I hope not.

Dear Amy: I'm a fan but wanted to point out in your response to "Distressed Dad" that you focused mainly on the age of his unvaccinated daughter being 20 and immature.

I'm fully vaccinated and high risk, but there are people I've met 60 and older who aren't vaccinated and couldn't care less about my or anyone else's health.

Age is irrelevant.

— *Gia*

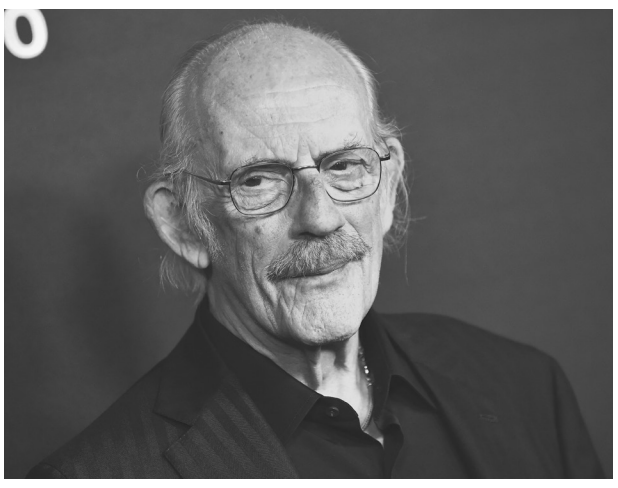
Dear Gia: This 20-year-old lied about her vaccination status and demonstrated other behavior that I believe was a function of her immaturity. But I do agree with you that maturity does not always accompany age.

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‘Cyberchase’ uses geopolitics, math and Lloyd to save world

By Jevon Phillips
Los Angeles Times



Christopher Lloyd, seen Oct. 3, is the voice of the Hacker on PBS Kids’ “Cyberchase.” **LISA O’CONNOR/GETTY-AFP**

In his roles, Christopher Lloyd is known for driving a taxi as “Taxi’s” Jim Ignatowski and a DeLorean as “Back to the Future’s” Doc Brown. But as the Hacker on PBS Kids’ “Cyberchase,” he’s often driving his ship, the Grim Wreaker, while concocting one scheme or another to take over the (cyber)world.

Lloyd, 83, has voiced the Hacker since the animated show debuted 20 years ago, and “Cyberchase” recently kicked off its 13th season on PBS Kids.

The Emmy-winning series helps build children’s math and cognitive skills while adding a healthy dose of environmental literacy. The new episodes spotlight the series’ heroes — Jackie (voiced by Novie Edwards), Matt (Jacqueline Pillon), Inez (Annick Obonsawin) and Digit (Gilbert Gottfried) — as they tackle timely topics such as pollution, invasive species, sustainable design and biodiversity by using their problem-solving and math skills to save the day and take down the Hacker.

This interview with Lloyd has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: As the Hacker, you’re evil, or aspiring to be evil, but there are moments of, dare I say, good? Is that something you push for?
A: It just comes out, in spite of himself. I’m aspiring to have everything under my control (as the Hacker). I get these ideas that are just there to make me look good and for me to be the genius that makes all this stuff happen. They’re evil, they’re antisocial — but he doesn’t care. Each episode, I’m out to make another conquest.

Q: What drew you to the show initially?
A: I kind of just like the premise of it. Every episode they pull the rug out from under me. I fail every time. And they achieve that through the choices they make, which involve mathematics. They’re learning how to apply mathematics to real-life situations. And they had a mathematician always (helping with the writing and teaching moments). It’s maybe a little subtle, but it’s cool.

Q: You’ve had so many roles that dealt with relating to kids and young adults. Is that by choice, or just roles you gravitate toward?
A: I noted that the other day. ... I haven’t done anything to get those roles, but it’s true. I can’t really altogether explain that, but I don’t regret a minute of it because it’s made it possible for me to work with some great people and make some great films.

Q: What have you learned about voice acting that you didn’t know when you started?
A: I didn’t want to do (voice-over work). I thought, ‘I’m an actor,’ you know? But it kept coming up, and I’d get offers for things. I was kind of won over. It’s my voice, but I have to feed that with emotions and choices whether my face is showing or not. I have to do the same homework. The emotion’s gotta come through with the voice to make it believable. After a while, I got kind of hooked on it. Sometimes they’d bring a camera to shoot me while doing it, and I tend to gesticulate a lot and move around. Sometimes the character that I’m doing hasn’t been drawn yet, and they’d incorporate some of my movements. So with that aspect of it, it became kind of cool.

Q: What do you think is the main issue right now that you’d want to impart to the kids who watch “Cyberchase”?
A: I think to be aware of changes that have to be made because of climate change. Whether they can hold it at a certain level or not, it’s going to change things. An awareness of that. An awareness of what democracy is about because it’s being challenged pretty strongly here and elsewhere. ... I think that’s important, that they really learn the ideals of a free state, democracy and how you maintain that.

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): You’re being offered a lovely mix of productivity and play today. If there are any issues you’ve been struggling with, then a helpful solution might appear when you least expect it. Keep an open mind about any endeavors.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): There are probably a lot of people in your life who have your back right now. It’s easy to think you have to go it alone, but your sign is going to bring support your way — whether you think you need it or not. Even if there aren’t any obligations in front of you, it’s a perfect day for some brainstorming.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Fresh ideas and useful aid may appear from out of the blue. Taking advantage of that inspiration could gain you the appreciation of a boss or VIP, but chances are you won’t see it coming until it arrives. Just be patient and work hard — good things come to those who wait.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): There’s an expansive energy to the day, helping you see the possibilities before you. If you need some support, then you can be sure your social groups will provide you with the required safety net. That said, you’re probably far more capable than you might realize.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): There’s no room for doing things by halves at this time. With this energy boosting you along, you could make major progress at work or earn a potential bonus for a job well done. Don’t be afraid to ask for what you want, because the universe wants to make sure that you get it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Other people can be the solution to your problems today, shining a light on all the possibilities before you rather than the limitations. Even if you prefer to stick to tried-and-true ideas, look at your options with fresh eyes! When you stay open to hearing other people’s opinions, you can uncover truth.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Progress is attainable today! If you’ve got any outstanding tasks calling for your attention, this is the perfect time to tackle them! You probably feel like you have more energy than usual, letting you work hard and reap the rewards — potentially even earning a raise.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are always capable of amazing things, even if it isn’t easy to remember that right now. Someone special can give you confidence, so if you’re feeling exhausted, don’t be afraid to ask for support. As long as you have the courage to be open about your needs, it should be available.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There’s no need to move too quickly to not force yourself down a specific path or into any one box. Rather focus on refilling your own reserves. Do something that makes you feel better on a physical level, whether that’s getting in a workout or calling it an early night!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Creativity is heightened right now! Even if you don’t consider yourself very artsy by nature, you may discover some new and imaginative projects to try. This is the perfect time to let everyone hear whatever message you have! Try your hand at some free writing and see what comes out.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You’re being backed up by the universe, so there’s no need to feel insecure. Look around and indulge in some creature comforts. You can make today about bringing your loved ones together or about having a quiet night in. Listen to your feelings to know which is right for you.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): This is the kind of day when you can say what you mean and mean what you say without difficulty, making it easy for you to get your point across. Consider calling up a friend or two for a night on the town — you could see a new movie or check out the hot new restaurant.

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In 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march into the Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles and the Locarno Pact.

In 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was violently broken up in Selma, Alabama, by state troopers and a sheriff’s posse in what came to be known as “Bloody Sunday.”

In 1994, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that a parody that pokes fun at an original work can be considered “fair use.”

In 1999, movie director Stanley Kubrick, whose films included “Dr. Strangelove” and “A Clockwork Orange,” died in Hertfordshire, England, at age 70.

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9+ letters = 15 points	0 - 10 = Try again

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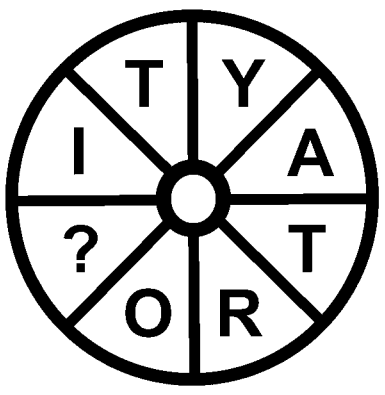
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Find AT LEAST FIVE WORDS RELATED TO CHESS in the grid of letters.

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WordWheel



Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: rain or shine 310

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

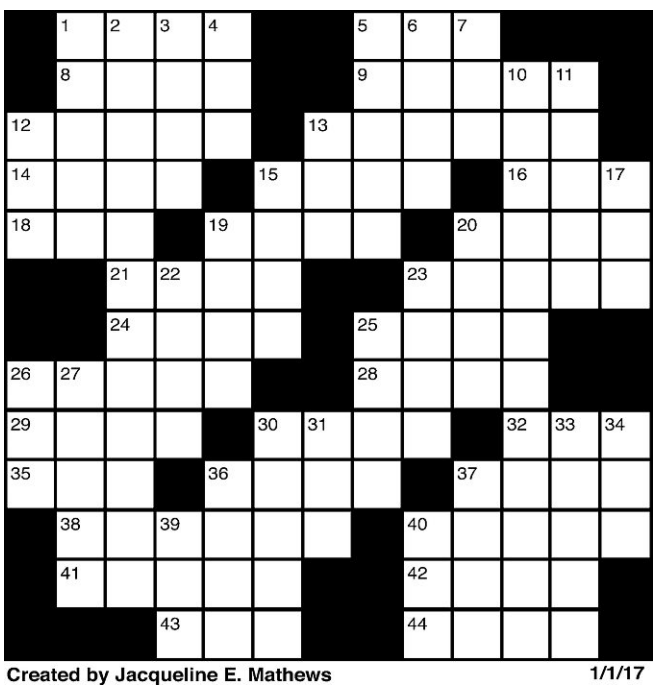
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TV CROSSWORD

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ACROSS
1 Jennifer Morrison's "Once Upon a Time" role
5 "A Nightmare on __ Street"; Johnny Depp movie
8 Borrower's request
9 "China __"; Dana Delany series
12 "__ Children"
13 Actor Robert __
14 Africa's longest river
15 Actor Mostel
16 "__ Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!"
18 Actress Susan of "L.A. Law"
19 "America's __ Wanted"
20 __-friendly; easy to operate
21 __ Sher of "The Middle"
23 Door; way in
24 "__ Rider"; Clint Eastwood movie
25 German luxury car
26 Wayne and Payne
28 "__ Man"; Robert Downey Jr. film
29 Hockey's Bobby and his family
30 Fred Flintstone's dinosaur
32 "What Kind of Fool __?"
35 Cry from the flock
36 "White Men __ Jump"; movie for Woody Harrelson
37 Tatum's dad
38 Country singer Mel __
40 Jerry Stiller's late wife Anne __
41 Means of communication
42 __-Na Wen
43 "Austin Powers: The __ Who Shagged Me"; Mike Myers film
44 "The __ of Night"; old soap opera

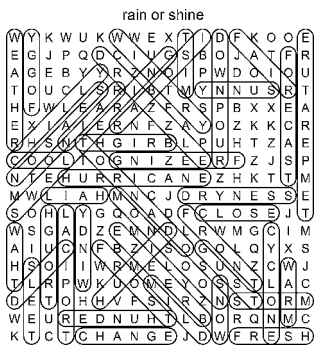
DOWN
1 Miss __; matriarch on "Dallas"
2 Actress on "Last Man Standing"
3 "Auntie __"; Rosalind Russell movie
4 "__ Given Sunday"; Pacino film
5 "Siskel & __"
6 Johnny Carson's successor
7 __ tai; rum cocktail
10 Role on "Grey's Anatomy"
11 Bart's dad
12 "Secrets __ Lies"
13 __ Moines, Iowa
15 "The Twilight __"
17 Suffix for comment or second
19 Diner where Alice worked
20 Take apart
22 Rather and Aykroyd
23 Italy's currency
25 "__ Misbehavin'"; Broadway hit
26 "The Italian __"; film for Donald Sutherland
27 Give a speech
30 "The __ Show with Trevor Noah"
31 Walk-__; folks without appointments
33 Bart's mom
34 "Time __ Bottle"; Jim Croce song
36 Paper __; staple alternative
37 Dr. Spencer __"; role on "Criminal Minds"
39 "__ Vegas"
40 Bovary or Butterfly: abbr.

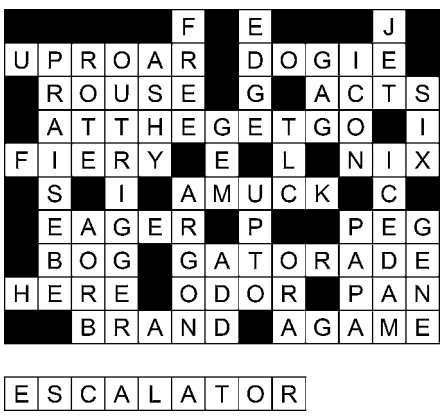


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rain or shine





ESCALATOR

JUMBLE

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

REETX

ANKET

PROYES

WERTOL

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

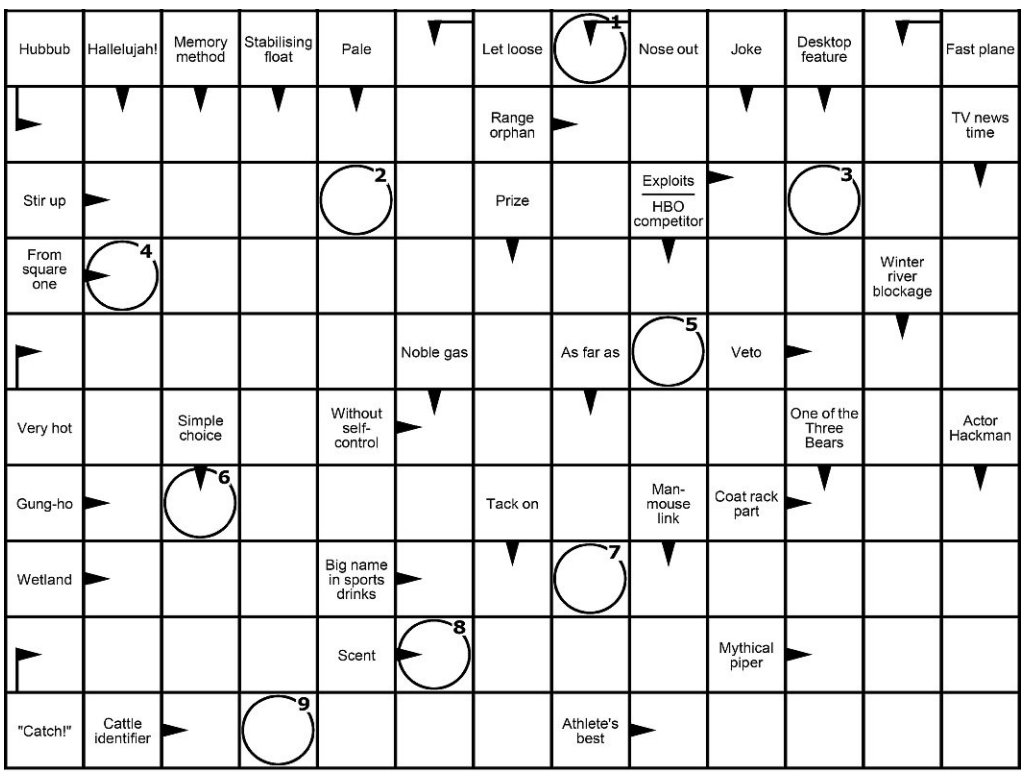
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans: " " _____

Jumbles: EXERT TAKEN OSPREY TROWEL
Answer: The collector of classic films owned — "REEL" ESTATE

ARROW WORDS

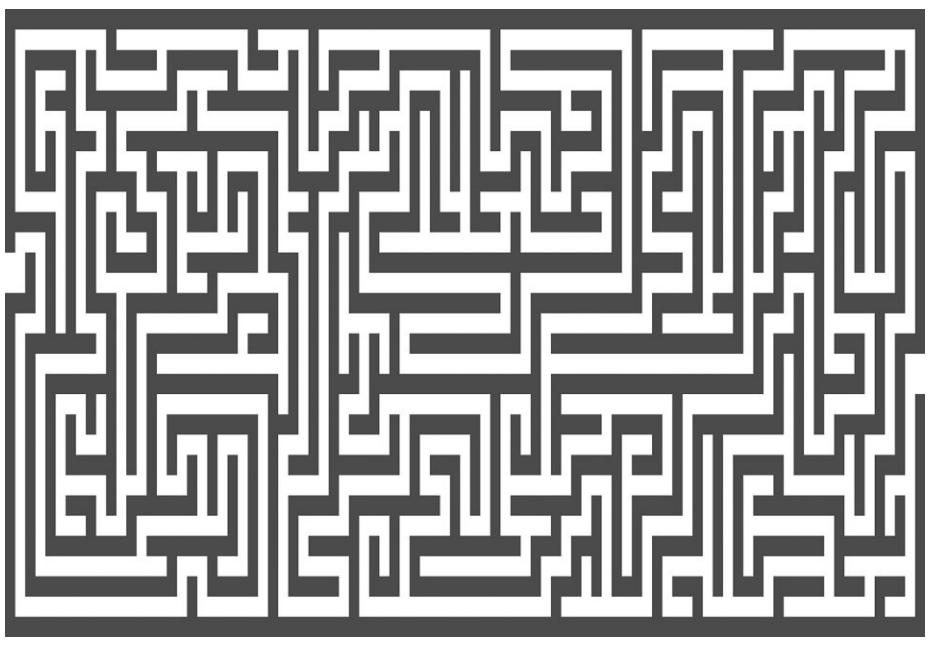
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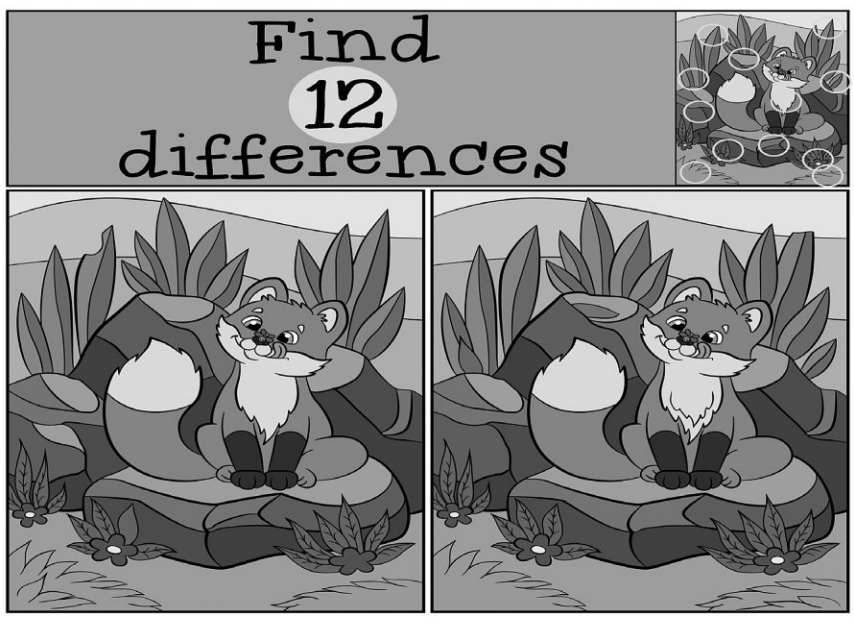


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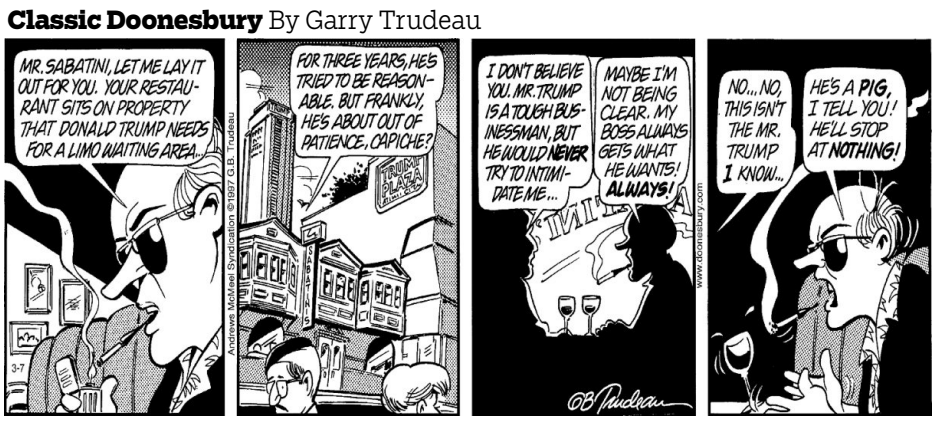




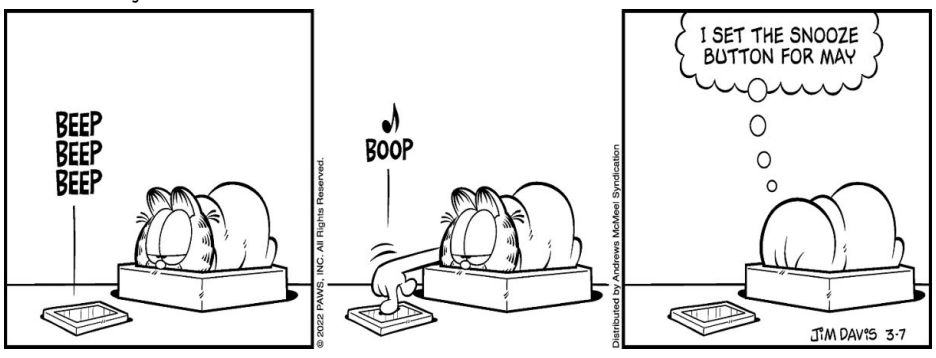
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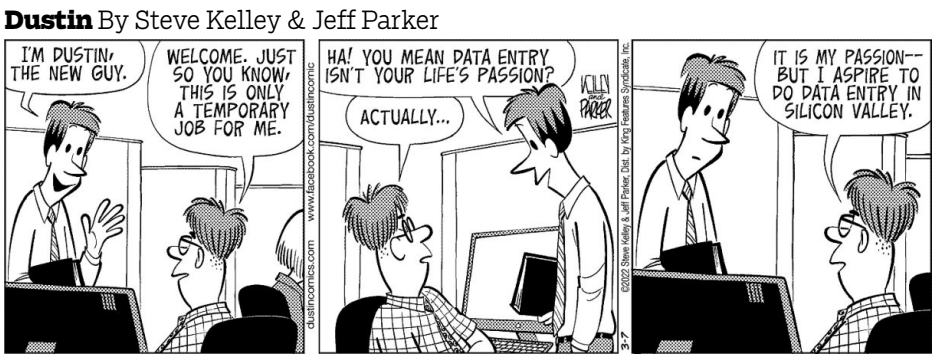
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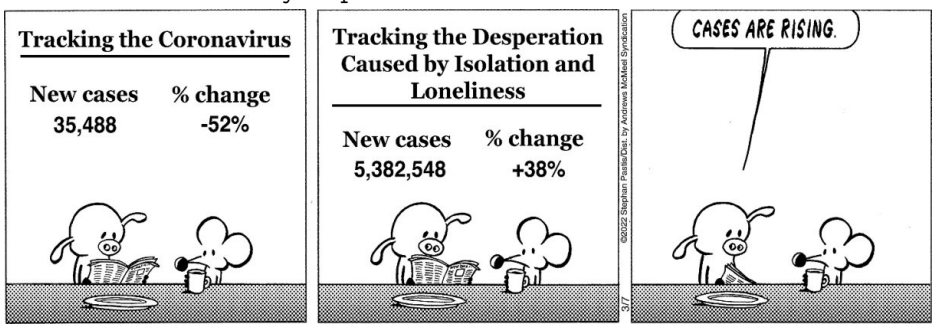
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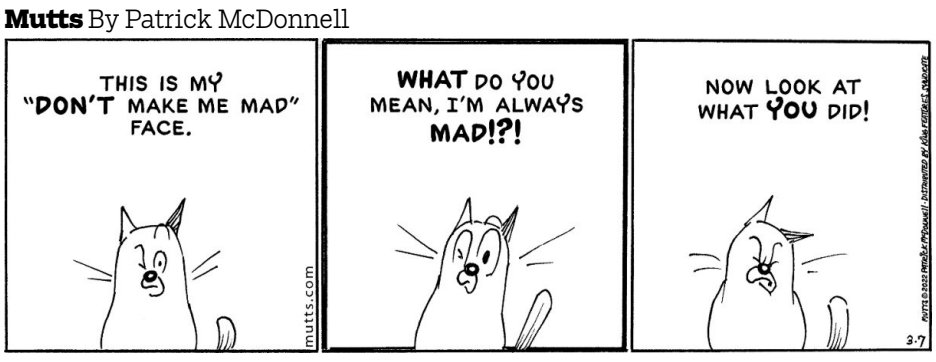
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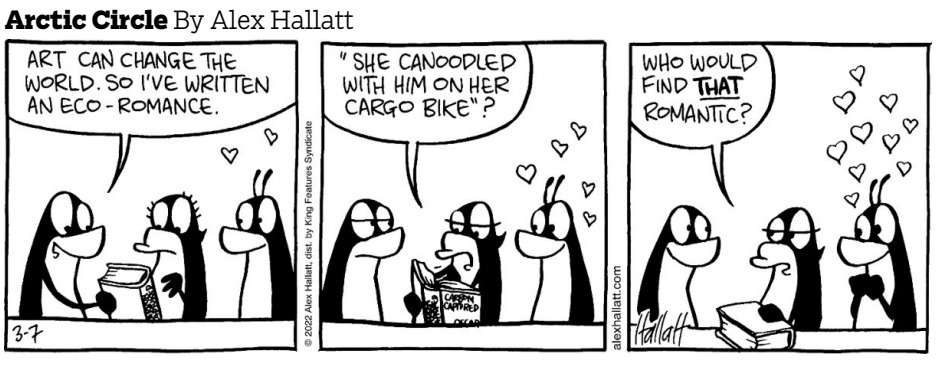
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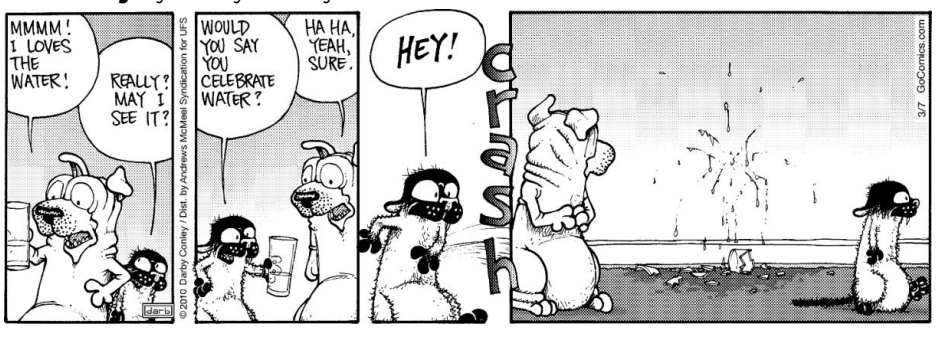
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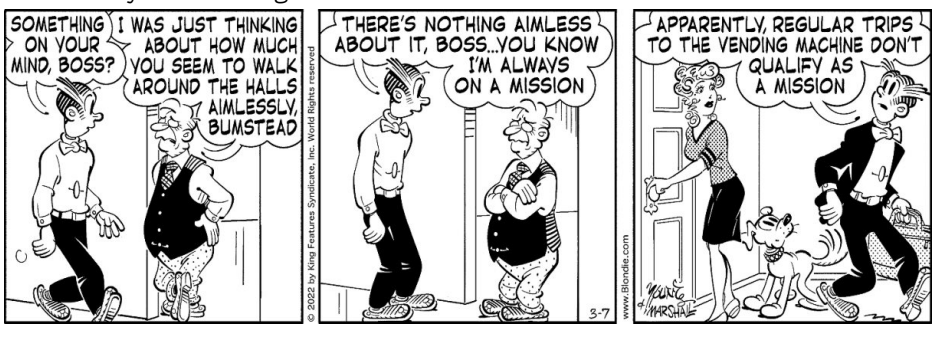
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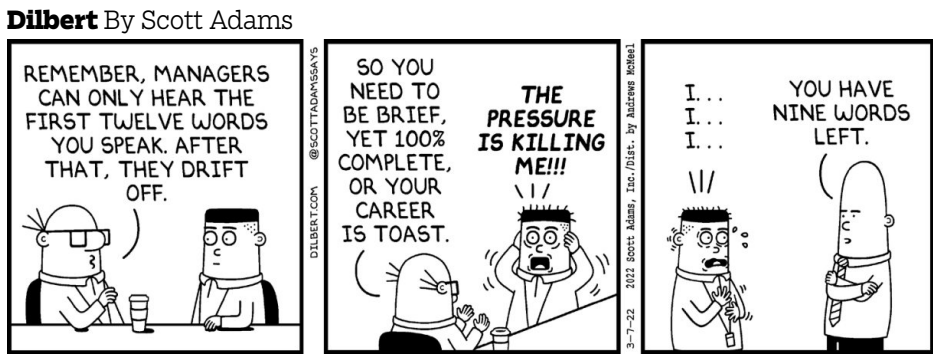
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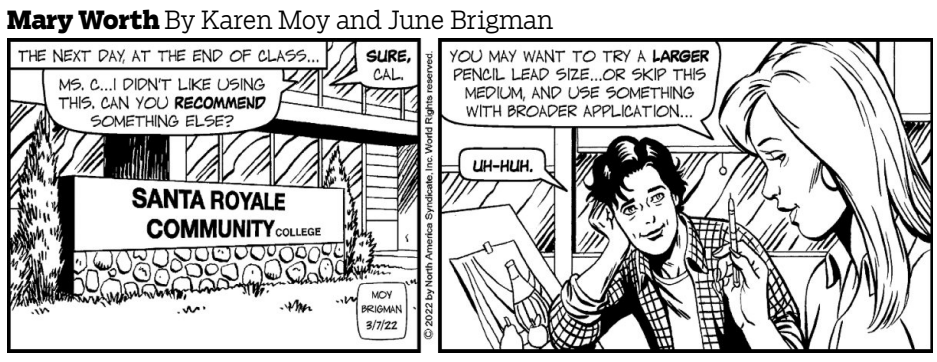
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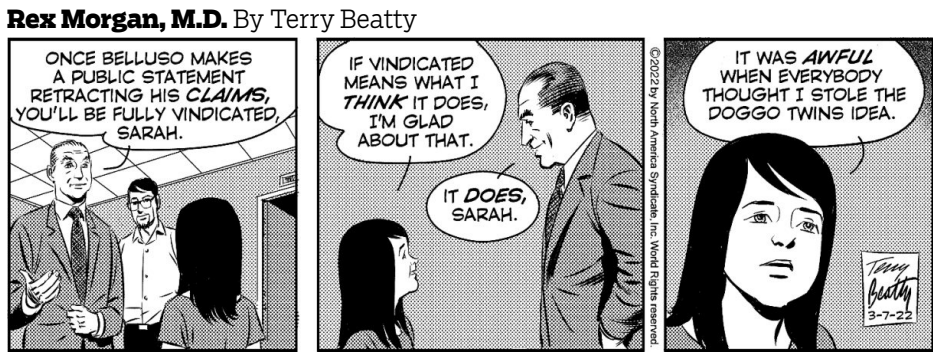
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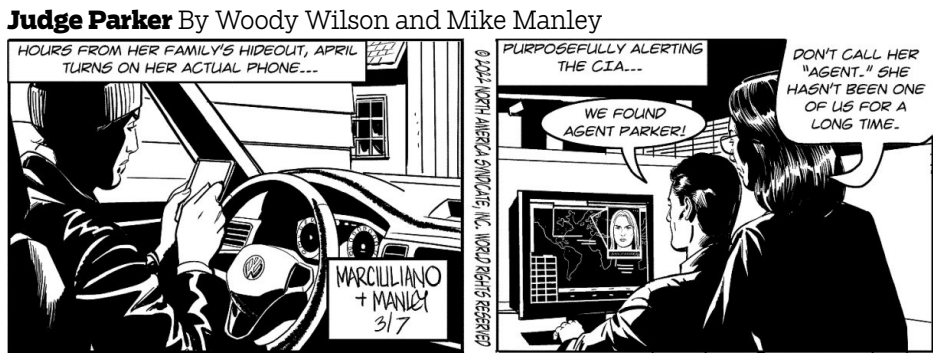
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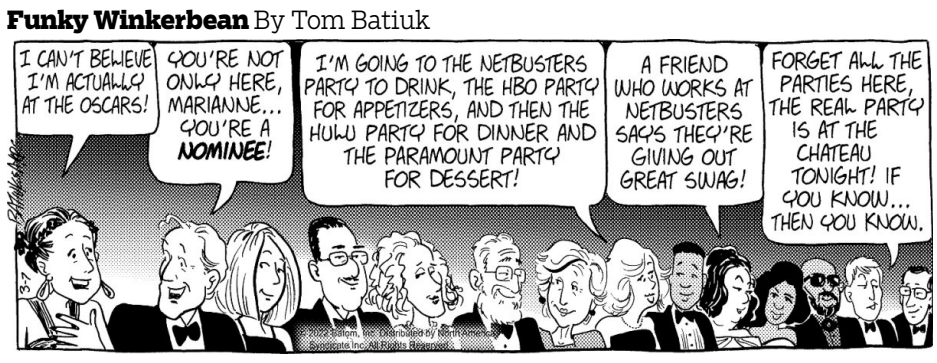
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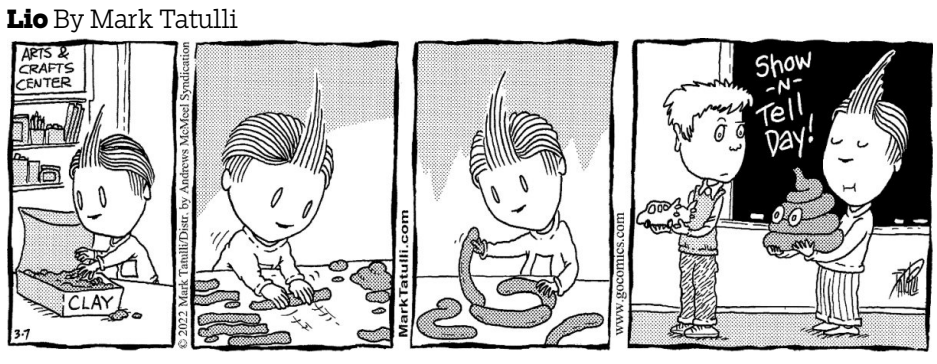
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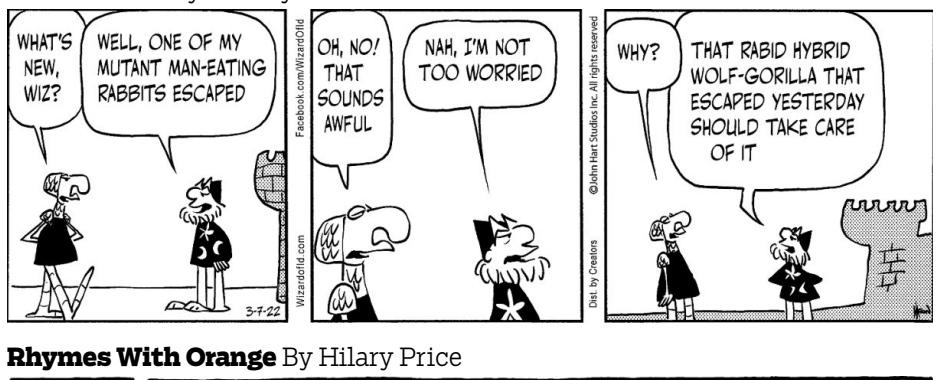
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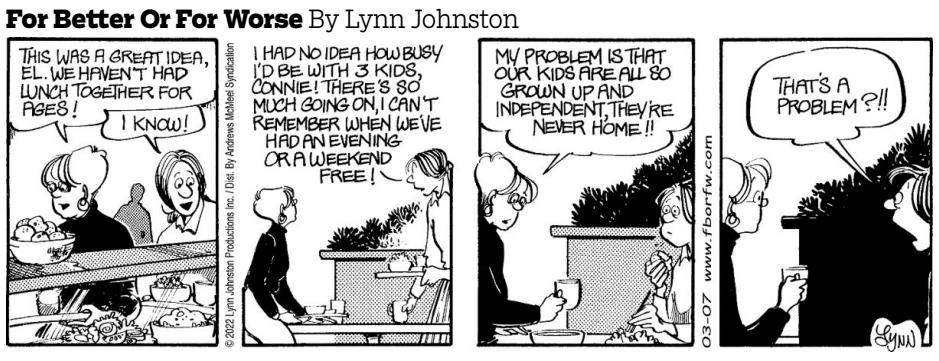
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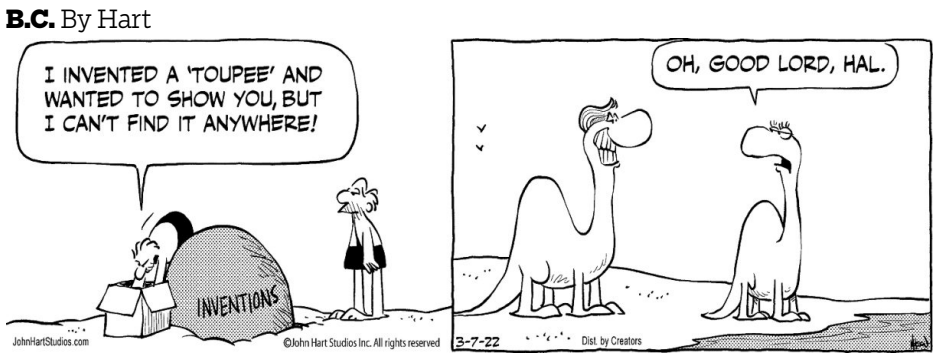
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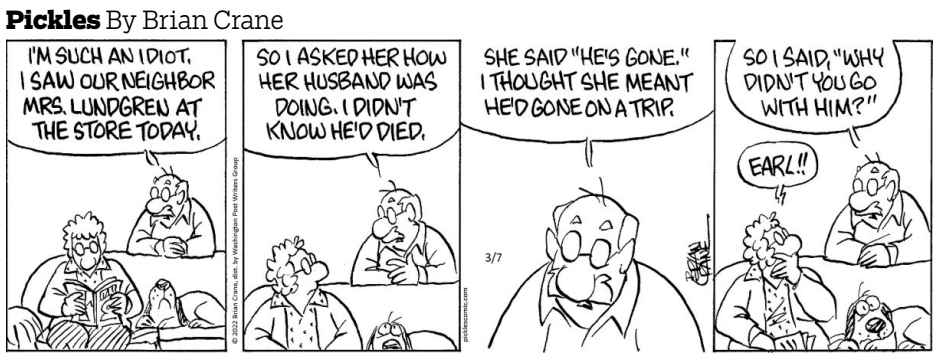


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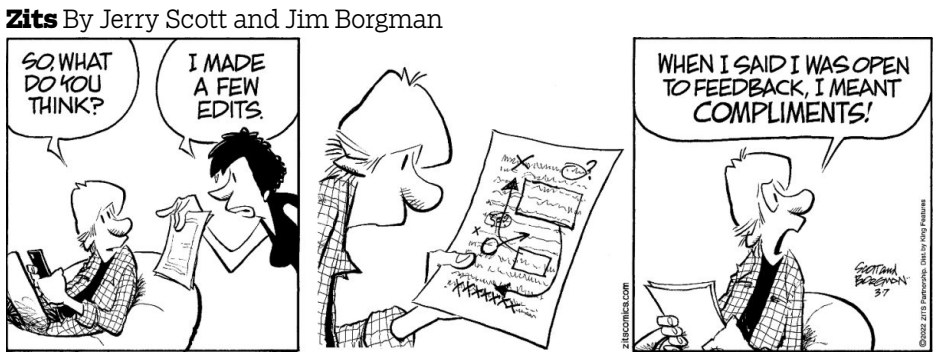
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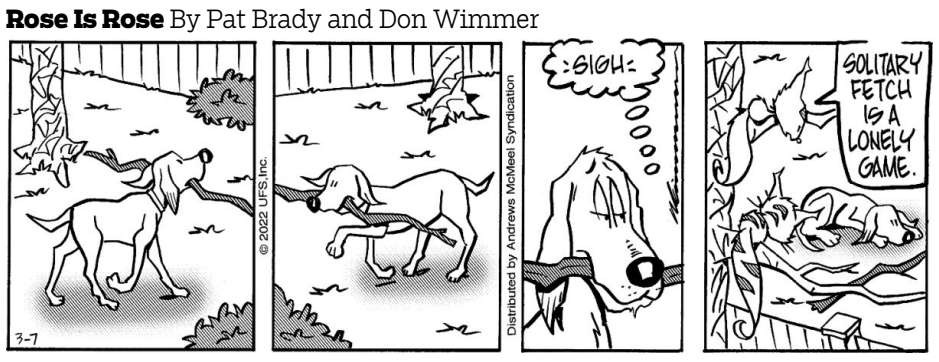
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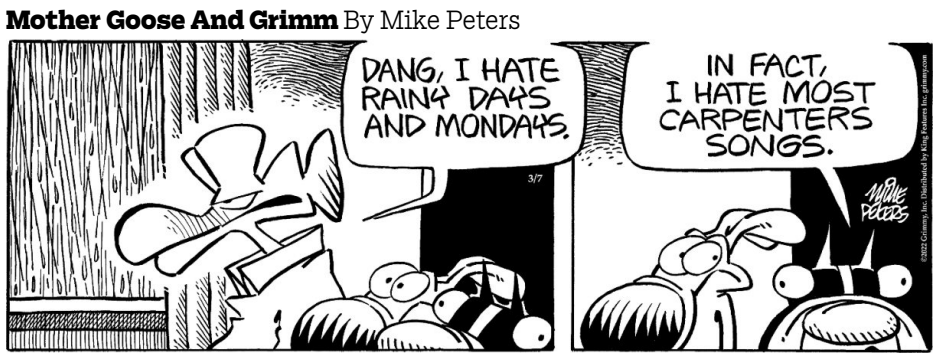
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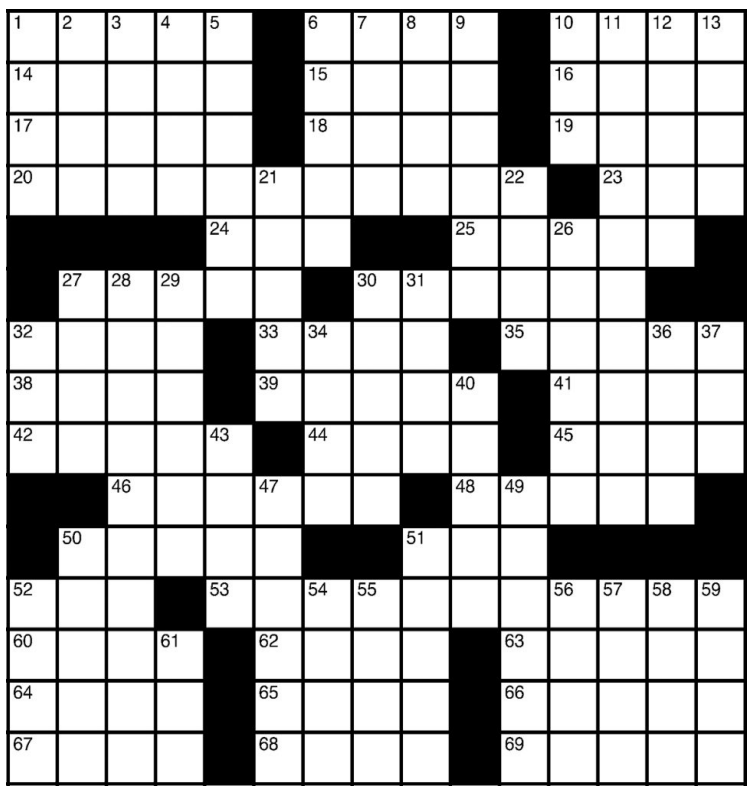
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Across

1 Book of maps
6 Pots' cookware partners
10 Read, as a bar code
14 Not dry, as a cake
15 Rectangle calculation
16 "Alice's Restaurant" singer Guthrie
17 Word with bear or vortex
18 Put in order
19 Single __ whisky
20 *"Come to your senses!"
23 So-so grade
24 Chicago Bulls' org.
25 Stallone's boxer
27 Cellphone bill statistic
30 __ Artois: Belgian beer
32 Dadaist collection
33 Hourly charge, e.g.
35 Mustard named for a French city
38 Pitcher's goof
39 Hunting dog's pickup
41 Response to "Marco!" in a pool game
42 "Ghost-busters" goo
44 Raggedy doll
45 Rubber-stamped
46 Popular Campbell's soup
48 Window sections
50 "You've got to be kidding"
51 Ruby or emerald
52 Airport safety org.
53 Kit Kat bar slogan ... and hint to the starts of the answers to starred clues
60 Corrosive stuff
62 Small-town parade street
63 "__ no choice"
64 Farm building
65 Voting against
66 Spooky
67 Bear in two constellation names
68 Dieter's beer choice
69 Stuffy-sounding

Down

1 Concert blasters
2 Bart Simpson, e.g.
3 Country singer McCann
4 "I need it now!" letters
5 Stiff, as a drink
6 Ziti, for example
7 Suffix with buck
8 Spongy ball brand
9 Stephen Colbert device
10 "Cheers" bartender
11 *Do some stand-up
12 Bowling venue
13 Musical scale part
21 Taxi alternatives
22 Let the cat out of the bag, so to speak
26 Pre-tied tie, e.g.
27 Eurasian range
28 *Debate tiny details
29 Dad's punting words
30 Shorthand ace
31 Work the bar
32 Core muscles
34 "Never try to outstubborn __": Heinlein
36 World Cup cheers
37 Wordless consent
40 Ultracompetitive personality
43 Online periodical
47 Zoo inhabitant
49 Sleep aid brand
50 Hollywood award
51 Fabled lamp occupant
52 "Forbidden" perfume
54 __-pedi
55 Catcher's glove
56 Actress Seehorn
57 Corn units
58 Reebok rival
59 Boat backbone
61 Forensic evidence



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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 7 5
♥ —
♦ 10 8 6 5
♣ A Q 10 5 4 2

WEST
♠ 10 9 8 3
♥ Q 10 9 7
♦ K Q 7 4 2
♣ —

EAST
♠ 6
♥ A K 6 5 4 3 2
♦ A J 9
♣ J 9

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 4 2
♥ J 8
♦ 3
♣ K 8 7 6 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	2 ♥
4 ♣	4 ♦	4 ♥	5 ♦
Pass	5 ♥	5 ♠	6 ♥
6 ♠			

Opening lead — two of diamonds.

Famous hand

This deal was played in the New Zealand-U.S. match in the 1974 world team championship. When New Zealand held the North-South cards, the bidding went as shown.

Against six spades, the American West (Bobby Goldman) made the highly unusual lead of the deuce of diamonds. East (Mark Blumenthal) won with the ace and realized that Goldman could not possibly have only four diamonds, considering his four-diamond bid.

He therefore concluded that Goldman's purpose in leading his lowest card from the K-Q-x-x-x was to direct a club return. So, Blumenthal led a club, Goldman ruffed, and the seemingly certain slam went down one.

At the second table, with Bob Hamman and Bobby Wolff holding the North-South hands for the U.S., the bidding went:

South	West	North	East
1 [S]	Pass	2 [C]	4 [H]
5 [C]	6 [H]	Dble	

The New Zealand East-West pair quickly arrived at six hearts, doubled by North. South led a diamond, and the New Zealand declarer made six hearts doubled with an overtrick for a score of 1,310 points.

In the match between Italy and Indonesia, the Italians did even better. At the first table, sitting North-South, they made six spades doubled with an overtrick for 1,860 points, while at the second table, they made six hearts doubled with an overtrick for 1,310 points and a total gain of 3,170 points on the deal!

Tomorrow: Swapping horses in midstream.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TSPEW

TLAGO

KARHNS

TYEALN



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: MOTTO UPEND FOSSIL SYMBOL
Answer: The addition problems written on the board needed — SOME SUMS

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TODAY'S SUDOKU

		6	4		8	7		
2								
1			7		5		6	3
	7			6				
		5				8		
				9		2	7	
5	6		3		2			4
		4				9		

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit **www.sudoku.org.uk**

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

3	5	8	2	1	7	9	4	6
9	7	6	8	5	4	2	3	1
1	2	4	9	6	3	7	5	8
4	3	1	6	9	2	8	7	5
7	6	9	4	8	5	1	2	3
5	8	2	3	7	1	6	9	4
6	4	3	7	2	8	5	1	9
2	9	5	1	4	6	3	8	7
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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ZIPPY "CAREER MOVE" BILL GRIFFITH



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Now the true test begins for surging Huskies

By Shreyas Laddha

In the song "I'll Make a Man Out of You" from the hit Disney movie "Mulan," the iconic first couple of lines go, "Let's get down to business, to defeat the Huns."

The main character, Mulan, has to do whatever she can to survive against a foreign invader in the Huns.

Like Mulan, the third-seeded UConn men's basketball team must get down to business and defeat its foes — in the Big East Tournament.

UConn will play its opening game, a quarterfinal, on Thursday at 9:30 p.m. against the winner of Wednesday's Seton Hall-Georgetown game.

The No.18 Huskies (22-8, 13-6 Big East) have had their best season in years while battling through adversity. They've dealt with injuries, had an 18-day pause due to the COVID-19 outbreak within the program and played a grueling nine games in 27 days.

"These guys have been awesome; they deserve a ton of credit," said UConn coach Dan Hurley. "Obviously, you can look back at games we could've won or could've lost. We dealt with injuries to two of our very best players. To lose two all-conference level players, [Adama Sanogo, a Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award] finalist and Tyrese Martin, who is an all-conference level player. To lose those guys for a stretch and end up 22-8 and 13-6 in the Big East, there's a lot of really good teams that didn't get to that number in this league."

Hurley feels good about this team heading into New York.

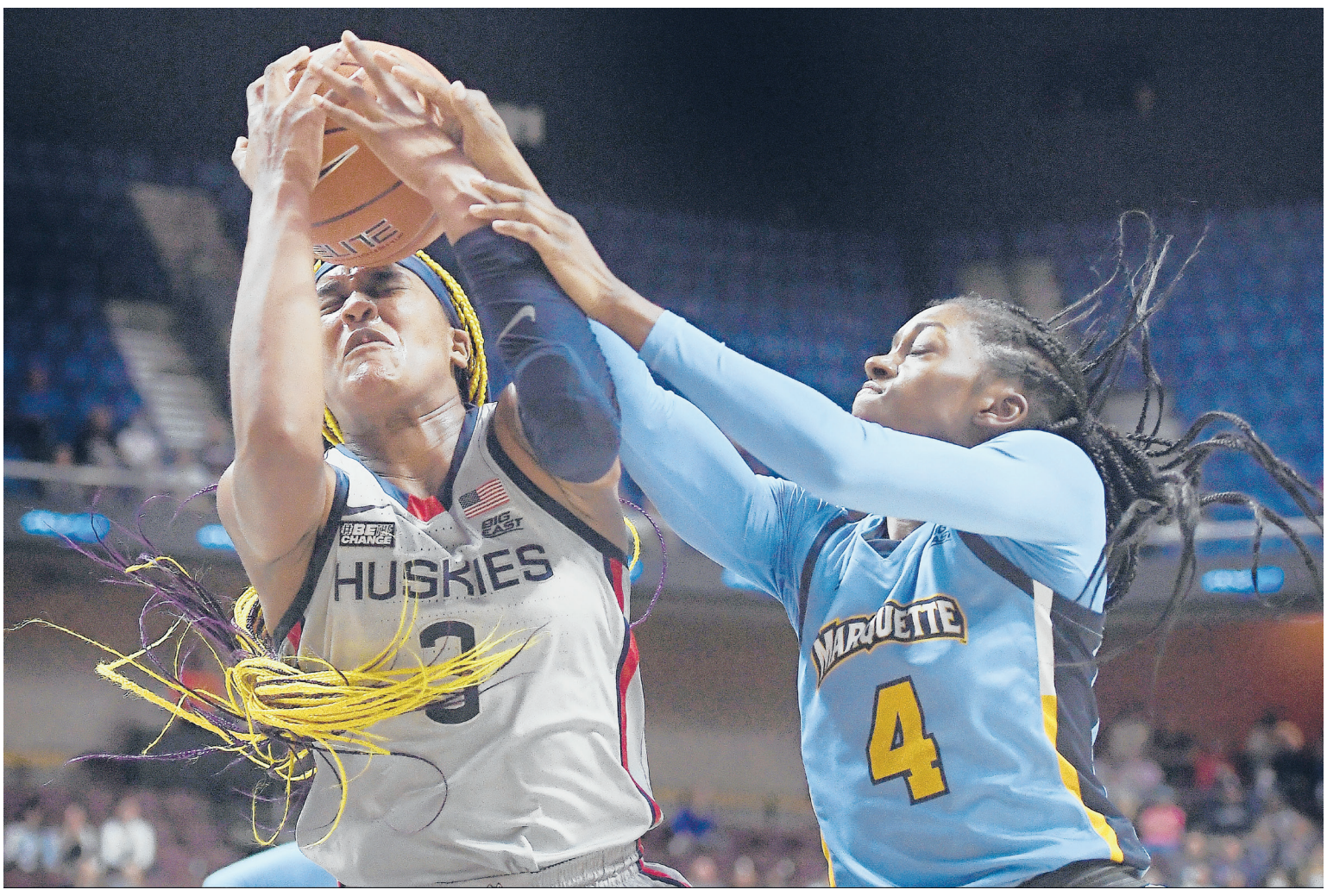
"I'm really excited," he told The Courant on Sunday. "We are taking a better team than we were last year, New York City. We are taking a better team to the NCAA Tournament. As much as we miss James [Bouknight's] firepower and talent, sticking with this group of guys from last year and obviously Jordan [Hawkins'] contributions, we are just a stronger team."

He feels the most significant difference from last year is the experience.

"[The team] is just more mature," he said. "During the rebuilding process, the breakthrough for us was last year. Playing games late in the year when we were on the bubble to get in the tournament. The experience with Creighton in the Big East semis and the experience in the NCAA Tournament last year. It put us in a position where this year we had a really good year. We played for NCAA seeding most the year and not try to get in."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL UCONN 71, MARQUETTE 51



Aaliyah Edwards, left, UConn's top rebounder in the game, wrestles with Marquette's Antwainette Walker for a loose ball during UConn's victory Sunday in the Big East Tournament semifinals. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

Huskies advance to Big East final with victory over Golden Eagles

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

UNCASVILLE — Their coach has been historically hard to please, especially this far from the finish line. But before the UConn women's basketball players took the floor Sunday, Geno Auriemma shared his approval with all he's been seeing.

"I told them, this last month, there was a point in time that we started to look like the UConn teams of old," Auriemma said Sunday, after the Huskies took down Marquette, 71-51, in the Big East Tournament semifinals. "And it's taken a long time to get there. We've never taken it for granted. But I know it when I see it, and I know a lot of people watching were, like, 'This is what I'm used to seeing UConn do.' That hasn't necessarily been there in the last four or five years. So I'm more excited about that than whatever the number is tomorrow."

The number, when UConn plays Villanova in the final Monday at 8 p.m. at Mohegan Sun Arena, will be the quest for the program's 27th conference tournament title and ninth in a row. The relentless way in which the Huskies are pursuing it, with depth and defense, as if they have caught a second wind, is setting this run apart.

Marquette (21-10), the No. 5 seed, came in off a blistering win over DePaul, making 44 of 67 shots on Saturday. The semifinal began with Nika Mühl making a steal and getting the ball up to Christyn Williams for a basket. The Golden Eagles missed 20 of their first 23 shots, and by the time they somewhat acclimated themselves to the Huskies' defense, they were down 22-6 at the end of the first quarter. Roadblocked in the paint, they shot 31.3 percent.

"Their physicality, first and foremost, gets people out of their

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WNBA

High pay in Russia is hard for players to resist

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

Russia has been a popular destination for WNBA players like Brittney Griner over the past two decades because of the money they can make playing there in the winter.

With top players earning more than $1 million — nearly quadruple what they can make as a base salary in the WNBA — Griner, former UConn stars Breanna Stewart, Diana Taurasi and Sue Bird, and Connecticut Sun center Jonquel Jones have been willing to spend their offseason playing far from home. It's tough for WNBA players to turn down that kind of money despite safety concerns and politics in some of the countries where they play.

Griner, 31, a seven-time All-Star for the Phoenix Mercury, has played in Russia since 2014. She was returning from a break for the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup qualifying tournaments when she was arrested at an airport near Moscow last month after Russian authorities said a search of her luggage revealed vape cartridges.

Why Russian salaries are so high

Russian sports leagues have been able to pay top players these high salaries because some of the teams are funded by government municipalities while others are owned by oligarchs who care more about winning championships and trophies than being profitable. There are stories of Russian owners putting up players in luxury accommodations, taking them on shopping sprees and buying them expensive gifts in addition to paying their salaries.

In 2015, Taurasi's team, UMMC Ekaterinburg — the same one Griner plays for — paid her to skip the WNBA season and rest.

"We had to go to a communist country to get paid like capitalists,

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CELTICS 126, NETS 120

Tatum's 54 points carry Celtics past Nets

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

BOSTON — The challenge to Jayson Tatum against a Brooklyn lineup that featured a rare appearance from both Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving: "Take the alpha approach."

"Be the best guy on the court each night," Celtics coach Ime Udoka said he told Tatum before Tatum scored a season-high 54 points to lead Boston to a 126-120 victory over the uncommonly intact Nets. "He takes pride in the matchup going against high-level opponents."

Durant played in his second game since mid-January and scored 37 for the Nets, becoming the 23rd player in NBA history to reach 25,000 points. Irving joined him for just the fourth time all season, scoring 19 in his first game in three weeks and his first in Boston since he was pelted with a water bottle during the playoffs last year.

"Those matchups — when you're playing one of the better teams in the league, two of the best guys — as a competitor, those are the kinds of moments that as a kid you looked forward to," Tatum said. "When those opportunities come, you try to make the most of it."

Tatum scored 34 points in the second half, and Jaylen Brown finished with 21 for the Celtics. Brown, who was cleared to return to Boston's lineup after testing his sprained ankle before the game, beat the 24-second clock with a 3-pointer to give Boston a 121-115 lead with 40 seconds left.

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Nets forward Nic Claston tries to stop Celtics forward Jayson Tatum as he drives to the basket. **STEVEN SENNE/AP**



Safety Tip of the Day

Children can be seriously injured if furniture tips and falls on top of them. Anchoring furniture like bookshelves and TVs to the wall or floor reduces the risk of them tipping.

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UP NEXT

UConn MBB: Big East Quarterfinal vs. Georgetown/Seton Hall, Thursday, 9:30 p.m.; Big East Semifinal (if necessary) vs. TBD, Friday, 6:30/9 p.m.; Big East Final (if necessary) vs. TBD, Saturday, 6:30 p.m.
UConn WBB: Big East Final vs. Villanova, Monday, 8 p.m.; NCAA First Round vs. TBD, date/time TBD; NCAA Second Round (if necessary), date/time TBD
Celtics: at Hornets, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pistons, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Mavericks, Sunday, 3:30 p.m.
Knicks: at Kings, Monday, 10:30 p.m.; at Mavericks, Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; at Grizzlies, Friday, 8 p.m.
Nets: at Hornets, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at 76ers, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Knicks, Sunday, 1 p.m.
UConn hockey: Hockey East Quarterfinal vs. Boston Uni., Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Hockey East Semifinal (if necessary), March 18, 4/7:30 p.m.; Hockey East Final (if necessary) vs. TBD, March 19, 7 p.m.
Bruins: Kings, Monday, 7 p.m.; Chicago, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Coyotes, Saturday, 7 p.m.
Rangers: at Wild, Tuesday, 8 p.m.; at Blues, Thursday, 8 p.m.; at Stars, Saturday, 8 p.m.
Wolf Pack: at Lehigh Valley, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at W-B/Scranton, Sunday, 3 p.m.; at Syracuse, March 16, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO

BASKETBALL
2 p.m.: Women's College Sun Belt Tournament final. (Live) ESPNU
6 p.m.: CAA Tournament semifinals. (Live) CBSSN
7 p.m.: Southland Tournament final. (Live) ESPN
7 p.m.: Sun Belt Tournament final. (Live) ESPN2
7 p.m.: Horizon Tournament: Wright State vs Cleveland State. (Live) ESPNU
8 p.m.: Women's College: Big East Final: Villanova at UConn. (Live), FS1.
8:30 p.m.: CAA Tournament semifinal. (Live) CBSSN
9 p.m.: WCC Tournament: TBA vs Gonzaga. (Live) ESPN
9 p.m.: Warriors at Nuggets. (Live) NBA
9:30 p.m.: Horizon Tournament: Northern Kentucky vs Fort Wayne. (Live) ESPN2
10:30 p.m.: Knicks at Kings. (Live) MSG
11:30 p.m.: WCC Tournament: TBA vs St. Mary's (Calif.). (Live) ESPN2
HOCKEY
7 p.m.: Kings at Bruins. (Live) NESN
PARALYMPICS
Noon: Para Cross-Country Skiing, Para Snowboarding, Sled Hockey. (Same-day Tape) USA
SOCCER
3 p.m.: Premier League Tottenham Hotspur vs Everton. (Live) USA

Celtics

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Durant missed a jumper the next time down. Tatum was fouled the next possession and, as "MVP!" chants rang out in the TD Garden, he hit one of two free throws to surpass his previous season high of 51.

He added a pair of free throws in the final seconds for the second-highest total of his career.

"It was chaos, good chaos," said Marcus Smart, who had 14 points and nine assists. "It was a fun game, and it was a fun five minutes to be a part of."

The Celtics, who trailed 90-81 with a little over a minute left in the third quarter, have won five of their last six and 21 of their last 27 games.

Tatum, who played one season at Duke before the Celtics drafted him No. 3 overall in 2017, said he thought about attending Blue Devils coach Mike Krzyzewski's final home game on Saturday night, a 94-81 loss to North Carolina.

But the Celtics' 1 p.m. Sunday start made it difficult.

"I definitely wish I could have been there for the last game. It was an incredible run, 42 years, everything he's accomplished at Cameron" Indoor Stadium, Tatum said.

Irving was booed by Boston fans still irked that he opted out of his contract after professing his love for the city. On his last visit — the Celtics' first full house since the pandemic began — a fan threw a water bottle at him when he left the court following a playoff victory.

Irving stomped on the Celtics' leprechaun logo at midcourt after that game. On Sunday, former Celtics player Glen "Big Baby" Davis was sitting courtside wearing a T-shirt that read "Respect the Logo."

"I know it's going to be like that the rest of my career coming in here," Irving said. "It's like the scorned girlfriend who wants an explanation on why I left but still hoping for a text back. I'm just like, 'It was fun while it lasted.' "

KNICKS

Randle fined $50K for shove in Phoenix

By Stefan Bondy
New York Daily News



Suns forward Cameron Johnson and Knicks forward Julius Randle got into an altercation on Friday, and it cost Randle $50,000. **MATT YORK/AP**

Julius Randle's temper cost him more money.

The Knicks forward was fined $50,000 for "forcefully" shoving the Phoenix Suns' Cam Johnson during Friday night's game and making contact with a referee, the NBA announced Sunday.

The league said Randle didn't participate with the league's investigation, adding to the punishment. He's been fined three times this season by the NBA for a total of $90,000.

The latest offense also probably cost the Knicks a victory. They were leading by 10 late in the third quarter, with Randle as the catalyst, when the 27-year-old turned furious at Johnson for running into his back during a rebound attempt.

Randle pushed aside the arm of the intervening referee to get at Johnson, and unleashed a two-hand shove in the chest of the Suns forward.

It turned into a disaster for the Knicks. Randle picked up two techs on the play and was ejected. Johnson scored 21 points in the fourth quarter, including the game-winner trey at the buzzer. Randle said he apologized to his teammates and took responsibility, even if he somewhat questioned the ejection decision.

"I was a little bit surprised," Randle said ahead of Sunday night's game against the Kings. "But it's part of the game. I usually thought I'd get one (technical) and it would be over with. I didn't see the double tech coming. But it's still my fault."

Tom Thibodeau called the ejection "borderline."

"It's an emotional game," the coach said. "There's going to be exchanges. You have to be careful not to cross over that line. Everyone understands that. It was unfortunate. I thought it was borderline, to be honest with you. You can't put it in an official's hands to make a decision like that. We can learn from that."

There have been concerns and questions around the league about the Knicks enabling Randle's behavior and not holding him accountable. In addition to the three fines from the NBA, Randle has two ejections and is tied for sixth in the league with 11 techs.

The Knicks were also docked $25,000 in January for violating access rules regarding Randle, essentially eating the fine because he didn't want to talk to the media after games. Less than a month later, Randle slapped the laptop of a team video coordinator and was restrained by teammates during a timeout.

In terms of controlling emotions during games, the Knicks haven't set the best example. Thibodeau's complaining to the referees is typically loud and demonstrative. Top executive William Wesley had also been animated during games toward referees, especially on the road, and was spotted last season storming around in a tantrum behind the basket in Barclays Center.

On the other hand, Randle has some legitimate gripes with the NBA. His first fine this season was $15,000 for punting the ball into the stands during the home opener. It was a move out of celebration, not frustration, since the Knicks had just toppled the Celtics in overtime.

REGIONAL DIGEST

Hartford men beat Albany to advance to semifinals

By Staff Reports

Grad student Traci Carter scored a game-high 21 points as the University of Hartford beat Albany 61-49 in the quarterfinals of the America East men's basketball tournament Sunday in West Hartford. The Hawks (12-19) will travel to face UMBC in the semifinals Wednesday.

David Shriver scored 16 points, and Austin Williams had 14 points and eight rebounds for Hartford. Matt Cerruti scored 13 to lead Albany (13-18).

The game started slow, with neither team scoring in the opening five minutes. Moses Flowers ended the drought with a tough layup to give the Hawks the lead at the 14:52 mark. But Albany used a 7-2 run to take a 7-4 advantage with 12:31 remaining in the half. The score was tied 12-12 with 7:08 left in the half, when the Hawks went on a scoring tear.

Shriver hit two 3-pointers in the closing stages while Carter knocked down another 3 in a 9-0 Hawks run on the way to a 26-13 halftime lead.

Hartford carried its momentum into the second half, opening with a 7-2 run. Shriver drained a 3 to end the stretch, giving the Hawks a 33-15 lead. Albany responded with a 10-2 run to pull to 35-25, but Williams scored five straight points to start a 7-0 run as Hartford built its lead to 42-25 with 8:58 to play.

Wolf Pack turn back visiting Bridgeport: The Wolf Pack got goals from four players as they pulled away to beat the Bridgeport Islanders 4-1 in an AHL game in Hartford. Mike O'Leary's redirect beat Jakub Skarek 6:40 into the game to give the Wolf Pack a 1-0 lead.

After Cole Bardreau tied it for Bridgeport, Nils Lundkvist scored his first goal and fourth point of the weekend 10:38 into the opening period for a 2-1 Hartford lead. The Wolf Pack got goals from Tanner Fritz and Abbott Girduckis in the second period to pull away.

UConn baseball wins seventh in a row: Enzo Stefanoni (2-0) pitched seven shutout innings, allowing two hits, no walks and striking out a career-high 10 as UConn (8-1) beat Florida International 15-0 in Miami. The righthander retired nine in a row on multiple occasions for UConn, which had 18 hits in winning its seventh in a row. The Huskies swept the weekend series, outscoring the Panthers 28-3.

Korey Morton had two doubles in a four-hit day, and catcher Matt Donlan had an RBI double and three-run homer.

WNBA

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which is so backward to everything that was in the history books in sixth grade," Taurasi said a few years ago.

The Russian league has a completely different financial structure from the WNBA, where there is a salary cap, players' union and collective bargaining agreement.

The WNBA has made strides to increase player salaries and find other ways to compensate players in the last CBA, which was ratified in 2020. The contract, which runs through 2027, pays players an average of $130,000, with the top stars able to earn more than $500,000 through salary, marketing agreements, an in-season tournament and bonuses.

The CBA also provides full salaries while players are on maternity leave, as well as enhanced family benefits, travel standards and other health and wellness improvements.

Who plays in Russia?

More than a dozen WNBA players were playing in Russia and Ukraine this winter, including league MVP Jones and Courtney Vandersloot and Allie Quigley of the champion Chicago Sky. The WNBA confirmed Saturday that all players besides Griner had left both countries.

Will this last?

The CBA will make it more difficult for WNBA players to compete overseas in the future. Beginning in 2023, there will be new WNBA prioritization rules that will be enforced by the league. Any player who arrives late to training camp will be fined 1% of base salary per day late. In addition, any player who does not arrive before the first day of the regular season will be ineligible to play at all that season. In 2024 and thereafter, any player who does not arrive before the first day of training camp (or, with respect to unsigned players, finish playing overseas) will be ineligible to play for the entire season.

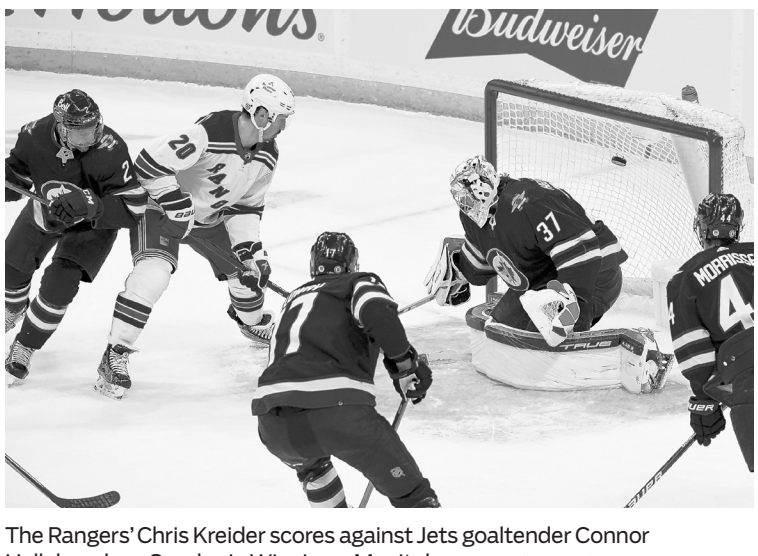


Phoenix Mercury center Brittney Griner, who was playing in a Russian league, was arrested in Russia last month at a Moscow airport after a search of her luggage revealed vape cartridges. **RALPH FRESO/AP FILE**

RANGERS

McKegg misses road trip, Brodzinski in lineup again

By Colin Stephenson
Newsday



The Rangers' Chris Kreider scores against Jets goaltender Connor Hellebuyck on Sunday in Winnipeg, Manitoba. **FRED GREENSLADE/AP**

WINNIPEG — Gritty Rangers forward Greg McKegg, who played in 26 consecutive games before missing Friday's victory over the Devils, did not travel with the team on the four-game trip that began Sunday in Winnipeg against the Jets. Coach Gerard Gallant said McKegg missed the trip due to "personal reasons."

Jonny Brodzinski, who had been called up from AHL Hartford on Wednesday, took McKegg's spot in the lineup Friday, and did again Sunday.

"Right now we've got a lot of guys out, so guys get an opportunity," Gallant said.

Brodzinski, Tim Gettinger and Morgan Barron came up from AHL Hartford in January when the Rangers were dealing with players out due to COVID-19 protocols. On Friday, Brodzinski, who is Hartford's captain, not only filled McKegg's spot on the fourth line, but took over his penalty-killing responsibilities, as well.

"It's just kind of 'next guy up' mentality," Brodzinski said. "We had 'Kegger' out, and 'Roons,' (Kevin Rooney) who are two very good penalty killers. I do a lot of it down in the American League. (Hartford has) very similar systems ... so I just kind of stepped in and tried to help out."

Brodzinski, 28, signed a two-year contract with the Rangers on Monday, choosing to stay with the Rangers in what will most likely be a minor-league role, rather than taking a chance on trying to make an NHL roster somewhere else next season. The security of a two-year deal meant a lot to his young family (he and his wife have a 2-year-old daughter, he said), but he also likes what the Rangers have going on, he said.

"It's just the winning culture here," he said. "It's a fun young team. And we're winning hockey games right now."

Blue notes: Gallant chose to scratch forwards Julien Gauthier and Morgan Barron, and dress 11 forwards and seven defensemen for the game. Defenseman Libor Hajek re-entered the lineup after missing eight straight games.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	39	24	.619	—
Boston	39	27	.591	1 ½
Toronto	34	29	.540	5
Brooklyn	32	33	.492	8
New York	25	38	.397	14

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	43	22	.662	—
Atlanta	31	32	.492	11
Charlotte	32	33	.492	11
Washington	29	34	.460	13
Orlando	16	49	.246	27

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	40	25	.615	—
Chicago	39	25	.609	½
Cleveland	36	27	.571	3
Indiana	22	44	.333	18 ½
Detroit	17	47	.266	22 ½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Memphis	44	21	.677	—
Dallas	39	25	.609	4 ½
New Orleans	27	36	.429	16
San Antonio	24	40	.375	19 ½
Houston	15	48	.238	28

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Utah	39	23	.629	—
Denver	37	26	.587	2 ½
Minnesota	36	29	.554	4 ½
Portland	25	38	.397	14 ½
Oklahoma City	20	43	.317	19 ½

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Phoenix	51	13	.797	—
Golden State	43	21	.672	8
L.A. Clippers	34	31	.523	17 ½
L.A. Lakers	28	35	.444	22 ½
Sacramento	24	42	.364	28

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Boston 126, Brooklyn 120
Milwaukee 132, Phoenix 122
Washington 133, Indiana 123
Memphis at Houston, late
Utah at Oklahoma City, late
Toronto at Cleveland, late
New Orleans at Denver, late
New York at L.A. Clippers, late

MONDAY'S GAMES
Atlanta at Detroit, 7p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 7p.m.
Houston at Miami, 7:30p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 8p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8:30p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 8:30p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 9p.m.
New York at Sacramento, 10:30p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Brooklyn at Charlotte, 7p.m.
Cleveland at Indiana, 7p.m.
Phoenix at Orlando, 7p.m.
New Orleans at Memphis, 7:30p.m.
Milwaukee at Oklahoma City, 8p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Dallas 114, Sacramento 113
Charlotte 123, San Antonio 117
Memphis 124, Orlando 96
Miami 99, Philadelphia 82
Minnesota 135, Portland 121
L.A. Lakers 124, Golden State 116

LEAGUE SCORING LEADERS

TEAM	PTS	FG%	3P%	FT%	PPG
Minnesota	7427	.453	.351	.766	114.3
Charlotte	7428	.458	.359	.733	114.3
Memphis	7407	.459	.342	.732	114.0
Milwaukee	7281	.461	.362	.774	113.8
Phoenix	7167	.482	.363	.794	113.8
Utah	7051	.473	.361	.778	113.7
San Ant.	7216	.468	.353	.743	112.8
Atlanta	7090	.468	.375	.805	112.5
Chicago	7202	.484	.376	.813	112.5
Golden St	7102	.468	.362	.760	111.0
LA Lakers	6969	.465	.348	.728	110.6
Brooklyn	7080	.465	.351	.802	110.6
Denver	6963	.474	.354	.792	110.5
Sacra.	7266	.458	.341	.765	110.1
Indiana	7142	.458	.338	.757	109.9
Miami	7117	.463	.376	.808	109.5
Boston	7107	.456	.345	.816	109.3
Houston	6829	.450	.344	.709	108.4
Toronto	6832	.443	.353	.752	108.4
Phila.	6824	.464	.356	.819	108.3
Wash.	6678	.467	.336	.782	107.7
Port.	6780	.446	.353	.763	107.6
New Orl.	6763	.452	.329	.791	107.3
LA Clippers	6967	.456	.366	.783	107.2
Dallas	6853	.458	.347	.764	107.1
Cleveland	6720	.467	.353	.758	106.7
New York	6629	.434	.352	.745	105.2
Orlando	6750	.434	.329	.788	103.8
Detroit	6617	.424	.322	.777	103.4
Okla. City	6433	.422	.314	.762	102.1

Through Saturday

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP PENNZOIL 400

Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway
Lap length: 1.50 miles

FP	SP	DRIVER	M	LAP	PT
1	13	Alex Bowman	C	274	50
2	2	Kyle Larson	C	274	48
3	18	Ross Chastain	C	274	52
4	37	Kyle Busch	T	274	41
5	14	William Byron	C	274	48
6	20	Aric Almirola	F	274	31
7	7	Tyler Reddick	C	274	30
8	12	Martin Truex Jr	T	274	34
9	5	Chase Elliott	C	274	43
10	1	Christopher Bell	T	274	28
11	10	Austin Dillon	C	274	26
12	25	Kevin Harvick	F	274	28
13	31	Kurt Busch	T	274	24
14	6	Joey Logano	F	274	27
15	29	Corey Lajoie	C	274	22
16	19	Harrison Burton	F	274	21
17	28	Justin Haley	C	274	20
18	27	Chris Buescher	F	274	19
19	3	Austin Cindric	F	274	18
20	32	Ty Dillon	C	274	17
21	9	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	C	274	16
22	16	Daniel Hemric	C	274	0
23	30	Todd Gilliland	F	274	14
24	15	Brad Keselowski	F	273	13
25	17	Bubba Wallace	T	273	13
26	33	Cody Ware	F	273	11
27	22	Michael McDowell	F	273	10
28	35	BJ McLeod	F	272	9
29	34	Josh Bilicki	C	271	0
30	36	Garrett Smithley	F	267	7
31	23	Erik Jones	C	264-a	6
32	8	Denny Hamlin	T	219-g	14
33	24	Cole Custer	F	171-e	4
34	26	Greg Biffle	C	148-f	13
35	4	Chase Briscoe	F	135-a	5.
36	11	Ryan Blaney	F	104-a	5
37	21	Daniel Suárez	C	92-a	1

a-accident; e-engine, f-fuel pump, g-garage, C-Chevrolet; F-Ford; T-Toyota
Race Statistics
Winner's average speed: 117.521 mph.
Time: 3 hours, 29 minutes, 50 seconds.
Margin of Victory: .178 seconds.
Caution Flags: 12 for 60 laps.
Lead Changes: 23 among 15 drivers.
Lap Leaders: C.Bell 0-32; R.Blaney 33-42; A.Bowman 43-49; D.Hamlin 50-65; Ku.Busch 66-69; W.Byron 70-77; A.Bowman 78-83; M.McDowell 84-87; B.Keselowski 88-90; D.Hamlin 91-105; Ky.Busch 106-112; R.Chastain 113-136; G.Biffle 137; K.Larson 138-159; R.Chastain 160-217; K.Larson 218; R.Stenhouse 219-222; T.Dillon 223; Ky.Busch 224-225; R.Chastain 226; Ky.Busch 227-266; M.Truex 267; K.Larson 268-271; A.Bowman 272-274
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): R.Chastain, 3 times for 83 laps; Ky.Busch, 3 times for 49 laps; C.Bell, 1 time for 32 laps; D.Hamlin, 2 times for 31 laps; K.Larson, 3 times for 27 laps; A.Bowman, 3 times for 16 laps; R.Blaney, 1 time for 10 laps; W.Byron, 1 time for 8 laps; Ku.Busch, 1 time for 4 laps; R.Stenhouse, 1 time for 4 laps; M.McDowell, 1 time for 4 laps; B.Keselowski, 1 time for 3 laps; M.Truex, 1 time for 1 lap; T.Dillon, 1 time for 1 lap; G.Biffle, 1 time for 1 lap.
Wins: A.Cindric, 1; K.Larson, 1.
Top 16 in Points: 1. A.Cindric, 85; 2. J.Logano, 77; 3. M.Truex, 73; 4. R.Blaney, 70; 5. C.Briscoe, 69; 6. E.Jones, 68; 7. A.Almirola, 66; 8. K.Larson, 65; 9. B.Wallace, 65; 10. B.Keselowski, 64; 11. Ky.Busch, 61; 12. R.Stenhouse, 53; 13. Ku.Busch, 53; 14. A.Dillon, 52; 15. D.Suárez, 52; 16. C.Custer, 48.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	55	37	12	6	80	192	155
Florida	55	37	13	5	79	227	163
Toronto	55	35	16	4	74	202	163
Boston	56	34	18	4	72	171	152
Detroit	56	24	26	6	54	163	203
Buffalo	57	18	31	8	44	153	203
Ottawa	54	19	30	5	43	142	177
Montreal	56	15	34	7	37	137	212
METRO.	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Carolina	56	39	12	5	83	191	134
N.Y. Rangers	56	36	15	5	77	169	139
Pittsburgh	57	34	14	9	77	185	152
Washington	57	30	18	9	69	185	158
Columbus	56	28	25	3	59	186	205
N.Y. Islanders	52	21	23	8	50	133	147
New Jersey	56	20	31	5	45	171	202
Philadelphia	55	17	28	10	44	139	192

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Colorado	56	40	11	5	85	222	159
St. Louis	55	32	16	7	71	194	151
Minnesota	54	32	19	3	67	203	177
Dallas	55	32	20	3	67	165	160
Nashville	55	31	20	4	66	174	155
Winnipeg	56	24	22	10	58	167	174
Chicago	57	20	29	8	48	144	198
Arizona	55	16	35	4	36	132	201
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Calgary	54	33	14	7	73	190	133
Los Angeles	57	31	19	7	69	169	160
Vegas	56	31	21	4	66	182	166
Edmonton	56	30	22	4	64	184	180
Vancouver	57	28	23	6	62	164	165
Anaheim	57	26	22	9	61	169	177
San Jose	55	24	25	6	54	143	176
Seattle	58	17	36	5	39	148	207

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Los Angeles 3, Buffalo 0
New Jersey 3, St. Louis 2, OT
Dallas 6, Minnesota 3
Tampa Bay 6, Chicago 3
N.Y. Rangers 4, Winnipeg 1
Carolina 3, Seattle 2
Ottawa at Vegas, late
San Jose at Anaheim, late

MONDAY'S GAMES
Florida at Buffalo, 7p.m.
Los Angeles at Boston, 7p.m.
Toronto at Columbus, 7p.m.
Colorado at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9:30p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Colorado at New Jersey, 7p.m.
Florida at Pittsburgh, 7p.m.
Vegas at Philadelphia, 7p.m.
Arizona at Detroit, 7:30p.m.
Seattle at Toronto, 7:30p.m.
Dallas at Nashville, 8p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Ottawa at St. Louis, 8p.m.
Tampa Bay at Winnipeg, 8p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago, 8:30p.m.
Washington at Calgary, 9p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Islanders 2, St. Louis 1
Philadelphia 4, Chicago 3
Arizona 8, Ottawa 5
Florida 6, Detroit 2
Washington 5, Seattle 2
Vancouver 6, Toronto 4
Montreal 5, Edmonton 2
Boston 5, Columbus 4 (SO)
Nashville 8, San Jose 0
Calgary 4, Colorado 3 (OT)

TENNIS

WTA LYON OPEN
At Palais des Sports Gerland, Lyon, France, hardcourt outdoor
WOMEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
#8 Zhang Shuai d.
Dayana Yastremsk, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

WTA ABIERTO MONTERREY
At Club Sonoma, Monterrey, Mexico, hardcourt outdoor
WOMEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
#2Leylah Fernandez d.
#5Camila Osorio, 6-7(6), 6-4, 7-6(3).

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
New York	2	0	0	6	7	2
D.C. United	2	0	0	6	4	0
Columbus	1	0	1	4	7	3
New England	1	0	1	4	3	2
Philadelphia	1	0	1	4	3	2
Orlando City	1	0	1	3	2	0
Atlanta	1	1	0	3	3	4
Chicago	0	0	2	2	0	0
New York City FC	0	1	1	1	0	1
Toronto FC	0	1	1	1	2	5
Inter Miami CF	0	1	1	1	1	5
CF Montréal	0	2	0	0	1	4
Charlotte FC	0	2	0	0	0	4
Cincinnati	0	2	0	0	0	6
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
Austin FC	2	0	0	6	10	1
LA Galaxy	2	0	0	6	2	0
Nashville	1	0	1	4	2	1
Real Salt Lake	1	0	1	4	1	0
Los Angeles FC	1	0	0	3	3	0
Colorado	1	1	0	3	3	3
Sporting KC	1	1	0	3	2	3
Minnesota United	0	0	2	2	2	2
Portland	0	0	1	1	2	2
FC Dallas	0	1	1	1	1	2
Houston	0	1	1	1	0	1
San Jose	0	1	1	1	4	6
Vancouver	0	1	1	1	0	4
Seattle	0	2	0	0	0	2

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Austin FC 5, Inter Miami CF 1
Portland at Los Angeles FC, late
SATURDAY'S MATCHES
CF Montréal at New York City FC, 1p.m.
Toronto FC at Columbus, 1:30p.m.
Los Angeles FC at Miami, 1:30p.m.
LA Galaxy at Seattle, 3:30p.m.
Vancouver at Houston, 6:30p.m.
Chicago at D.C. United, 7:30p.m.
Real Salt Lake at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Cincinnati at Orlando City, 7:30p.m.
San Jose at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.
Nashville at FC Dallas, 8:30p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Austin FC at Portland, 10p.m.
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
New England 1, FC Dallas 0
New York 4, Toronto FC 1
Sporting KC 1, Houston 0
Philadelphia 2, CF Montréal 1
Columbus 3, San Jose 3
D.C. United 1, Cincinnati 0
Orlando City 0, Chicago 0
Colorado 3, Atlanta 0
New York City FC 0, Vancouver 0
Nashville 1, Minnesota 1
LA Galaxy 1, Charlotte FC 0
Real Salt Lake 1, Seattle 0

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Man City	28	22	3	3	68	18	69
Liverpool	27	19	6	2	71	20	63
Chelsea	26	15	8	3	53	18	53
Arsenal	25	15	3	7	41	29	48
Man United	28	13	8	7	45	38	47
West Ham	28	13	6	9	46	35	45
Tottenham	25	13	3	9	35	32	42
Wolverhampton	27	12	4	11	24	23	40
Southampton	27	8	11	8	34	41	35
Crystal Palace	28	7	12	9	39	38	33
Aston Villa	26	10	3	13	37	37	33
Leicester	25	9	6	10	40	43	33
Brighton	27	7	12	8	26	32	33
Newcastle	26	6	10	10	30	46	28
Brentford	28	7	6	15	30	45	27
Leeds	27	5	8	14	29	61	23
Everton	24	6	4	14	28	41	22
Burnley	26	3	12	11	22	36	21
Watford	27	5	4	18	27	50	19
Norwich	27	4	5	18	16	58	17

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Arsenal 3, Watford 2
Man City 4, Manchester United 1

MONDAY'S MATCH
Tottenham vs. Everton, 3p.m.

THURSDAY'S MATCHES
Norwich vs. Chelsea, 2:30p.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Watford, 2:30p.m.
Southampton vs. Newcastle, 2:30p.m.
Leeds vs. Aston Villa, 2:45p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

No. 1 Gonzaga (24-3) did not play. **Next:** vs. San Francisco, Monday.
No. 2 Arizona (28-3) did not play. **Next:** Pac-12 Tournament, Thursday.
No. 3 Baylor (26-5) did not play. **Next:** Big 12 Tournament, Thursday.
No. 4 Duke (26-5) did not play. **Next:** ACC Tournament, Thursday.
No. 5 Auburn (27-4) did not play. **Next:** SEC Tournament, Friday.
No. 6 Kansas (25-6) did not play. **Next:** Big 12 Tournament, Thursday.
No. 7 Kentucky (25-6) did not play. **Next:** SEC Tournament, Friday.
No. 8 Purdue (25-6) did not play. **Next:** Big Ten Tournament, Friday.
No. 9 Providence (24-4) did not play. **Next:** Big East Tournament, Thursday.
No. 10 Wisconsin (24-6) lost to Nebraska 74-73. Next: Big Ten Tournament, Friday.
No. 11 Villanova (23-7) did not play. **Next:** Big East Tournament, Thursday.
No. 12 Texas Tech (23-8) did not play. **Next:** Big 12 Tournament, Thursday.
No. 13 Tennessee (23-7) did not play. **Next:** SEC Tournament, Friday.
No. 14 Houston (26-5) lost to Memphis 75-61. Next: AAC Tournament, Friday.
No. 14 Arkansas (24-7) did not play. **Next: Next:** SEC Tournament, Friday.
No. 16 Southern Cal (25-6) did not play. **Next:** Pac-12 Tournament, Thursday.
No. 17 UCLA (23-6) did not play. **Next:** Pac-12 Tournament, Thursday.
No. 18 UConn (22-8) did not play. Next: **Next:** Big East Tournament, Thursday.
No. 19 Saint Mary's (Cal) (24-6) did not play. Next: vs. Santa Clara, Monday.
No. 20 Illinois (21-8) vs. No. 24 Iowa. **Next:** Big Ten Tournament, Friday.
No. 21 Texas (21-10) did not play. **Next:** Big 12 Tournament, Thursday.
No. 22 Murray St. (30-2) did not play. **Next:** NCAA Tournament.
No. 23 Ohio St. (19-10) lost to Michigan 75-69. Next: Big Ten Tournament, TBD.
No. 24 Iowa (22-8) at No. 20 Illinois. **Next:** Big Ten Tournament, TBD.
No. 25 Alabama (19-12) did not play. **Next:** SEC Tournament, Thursday.

SUNDAY'S SCORES

EAST
Binghamton 72, New Hampshire 69
Colgate 81, Lehigh 61
Delaware 66, Drexel 56
Hartford 61, Albany (NY) 49
Navy 85, Boston U. 80, OT
Rutgers 59, Penn St. 58
Temple 75, South Florida 47
Towson 68, Northeastern 61
UMBC 93, Mass.-Lowell 85, OT
Vermont 98, NJIT 59
SOUTH
Chattanooga 79, Wofford 56
Furman 71, Samford 68
Longwood 79, Winthrop 58
Louisiana-Lafayette 66, Troy 57
Memphis 75, Houston 61
Queens (NC) 69, Carson-Newman 59
UNC-Wilmington 75, Elon 58
MIDWEST
Loyola Chicago 64, Drake 58
Michigan 75, Ohio St. 69
Michigan St. 77, Maryland 67
Nebraska 74, Wisconsin 73
SOUTHWEST
SMU 74, Tulane 68
Tulsa 73, UCF 72
WEST
Santa Clara 91, Portland 67

WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

x-must win today's game to advance
No. 1 South Carolina (29-2) lost to Kentucky 64-62. Next: NCAA Tournament, TBD.
No. 2 Stanford (28-3) beat Utah 73-48. **Next:** NCAA Tournament, TBD.
No. 3 NC State (29-3) beat Miami 60-47. **Next:** NCAA Tournament.
No. 4 Louisville (25-4) did not play. **Next:** TBD.
No. 5 Baylor (25-5) beat Texas Tech 82-57. Next: Big 12 Tournament, Friday.
No. 6 LSU (25-5) did not play. Next: TBD.
No. 7 UConn (24-5) beat DePaul 71-51. **Next:** x-vs. Villanova or Seton Hall, Monday.
No. 8 Iowa State (25-5) did not play. **Next:** Big 12 Tournament, Friday.
No. 9 Texas (23-6) did not play. Next: Big 12 Tournament, Friday.
No. 10 Michigan (22-6) did not play. **Next:** NCAA Tournament, TBD.
No. 11 Maryland (21-8) did not play. **Next:** TBD.
No. 12 Iowa (23-7) beat No. 14 Indiana 74-67. Next: NCAA Tournament, TBD.
No. 13 Ohio State (23-6) did not play. **Next:** TBD.
No. 14 Arizona (20-7) did not play. **Next:** TBD.
No. 14 Indiana (22-8) lost to Iowa 74-57. **Next:** TBD.
No. 16 North Carolina (23-6) did not play. Next: TBD.
No. 17 BYU (25-2) did not play. Next: vs. Portland, Monday.
No. 18 Tennessee (23-8) did not play. **Next:** TBD.
No. 19 Oklahoma (23-7) did not play. **Next:** Big 12 Tournament, Friday.
No. 20 Notre Dame (22-8) did not play. **Next:** TBD.
No. 21 Virginia Tech (23-9) did not play. **Next:** TBD.
No. 22 Florida Gulf Coast (27-2) beat North Florida 71-60. Next: vs. Stetson or North Alabama, Wednesday.
No. 23 Florida (20-10) did not play. **Next:** TBD.
No. 24 Georgia (20-9) did not play. **Next:** TBD.
No. 25 Georgia Tech (21-10) did not play. Next: TBD.

SUNDAY'S SCORES

EAST
Princeton 73, Harvard 53
Villanova 64, Seton Hall 55
SOUTH
Florida Gulf Coast 71, North Florida 60
Jacksonville St. 70, Jacksonville 56
Liberty 77, E. Kentucky 57
Mercer 73, Furman 54
NC State 60, Miami 47
Stetson 64, North Alabama 53
Troy 62, UALR 59
MIDWEST
Iowa 74, Indiana 67
UMKC 81, N. Dakota St. 74
UMass 62, Dayton 56
SOUTHWEST
Oral Roberts 61, North Dakota 54
Texas-Arlington 75, La-Lafayette 65
WEST
Hawaii 58, UC Santa Barbara 52
Stanford 73, Utah 48
Utah St. 80, Fresno St. 75

ODDS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL	MONDAY	
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
Cleveland St.	Pk	Wright State
Northern Ky.	2	Purdue Ft. Wayne
at Gonzaga	12	San Francisco
St. Mary's, Cal.	4	Santa Clara
NCAA TOURNAMENT CHAMPION		
Gonzaga	7-2	Arizona 13-2
Kentucky	7-1	Auburn 12-1
Baylor	12-1	Duke 12-1
Kansas	14-1	Purdue 14-1
Texas Tech	25-1	Villanova 25-1
UCLA	30-1	Tennessee 35-1
Houston	40-1	Illinois 45-1
Arkansas	50-1	Wisconsin 50-1
Alabama	60-1	Texas 60-1
Connecticut	70-1	Ohio State 70-1
Providence	70-1	Iowa 80/1
LSU	80-1	Rutgers 80-1

NBA		MONDAY	
FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Philadelphia	7	(229)	Chicago
Atlanta	8	(227½)	at Detroit
at Miami	off	(off)	Houston
at Minnesota	off	(off)	at Portland
at San Antonio	7	(234½)	LA Lakers
at Dallas	off	(off)	Utah
at Denver	off	(off)	Golden State
at Sacramento	3	(229½)	New York

NHL		MONDAY	
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Boston	off	Los Angeles	off
at Buffalo	off	Florida	off
Toronto	-195	at Columbus	+183
Colorado	-210	at NY Islanders	+200
at Calgary	-117	Edmonton	+117

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GOLF

ARNOLD PALMER BAY HILL INVITATIONAL

4th of 4rounds; At Bay Hill Club, Orlando, Fla., 7,466 yards; Par: 72

283(-5)	**$2,160,000**
Scottie Scheffler (550)	70-73-68-72
284 (-4)	**$908,000**
Tyrrell Hatton (218)	69-68-78-69
Billy Horschel (218)	67-71-71-75
Viktor Hovland (218)	69-66-75-74
285 (-3)	**$463,500**
Chris Kirk (110)	69-76-68-7
Gary Woodland (110)	70-72-70-73
286 (-2)	**$390,000**
Talor Gooch (92)	69-68-72-77
Lucas Herbert (92)	73-71-74-68
Sam Burns (81)	72-69-75-71—287
287 (-1)	**$302,400**
Matt Fitzpatrick (81)	73-71-70-73
288 (even)	**$291,000**
Keegan Bradley (71)	71-75-70-72
Corey Conners (71)	72-73-69-74
289 (+1)	**$228,000**
Russell Henley (61)	70-72-72-75
Graeme McDowell (61)	68-76-69-76
Rory McIlroy (61)	65-72-76-76
Cameron Young (61)	70-71-76-72
290 (+2)	**$183,000**
Max Homa (53)	69-74-73-74
Jon Rahm (53)	72-70-74-74
Aaron Wise (53)	69-73-74-74
291 (+3)	**$131,400**
Chris. Bezuidenhout (45)	73-74-69-75
Tommy Fleetwood (45)	74-73-70-7
Beau Hossler (45)	67-74-75-75
Sungjae Im (45)	68-77-70-76
Hideki Matsuyama (45)	73-72-76-70
Nick Watney (45)	74-72-69-76
292 (+4)	**$87,600**
Si Woo Kim (34)	69-76-73-74
Jason Kokrak (34)	73-74-71-74
David Lipsky (34)	71-71-78-72
Sebastian Munoz (34)	72-74-71-75
Adam Scott (34)	68-76-74-74
Brendan Steele (34)	70-73-77-72
293 (+5)	**$67,000**
Tom Hoge (25)	78-69-69-77
Charles Howell III (25)	68-73-74-78
Patton Kizzire (25)	69-72-76-76
Adam Long (25)	69-78-72-74
Nick Taylor (25)	70-77-72-74
Thomas Pieters (0)	74-73-72-74
294 (+6)	**$53,400**
Sergio Garcia (19)	75-70-75-74
Patrick Rodgers (19)	72-75-74-73
Alex Smalley (19)	73-71-77-73
Will Zalatoris (19)	68-77-70-79
295 (+7)	**$37,464**
Dylan Frittelli (12)	70-76-76-73
Padraig Harrington (12)	73-74-75-73
Zach Johnson (12)	72-75-75-73
Kyoung-Hoon Lee (12)	70-76-72-77
Taylor Moore (12)	71-75-72-77
Taylor Pendrith (12)	71-72-74-78
Pat Perez (12)	71-75-76-73
Ian Poulter (12)	68-75-75-77
Adam Schenk (12)	70-74-76-75
Davis Thompson (0)	73-71-75-76
296 (+8)	**$28,170**
Rickie Fowler (7)	70-73-76-77
Lanto Griffin (7)	70-73-76-77
Stephan Jaeger (7)	70-73-75-78
Matt Jones (7)	70-75-76-75
Martin Laird (7)	72-69-75-80
J.J. Spaun (7)	67-75-75-79
Danny Willett (7)	73-71-75-77
John Pak (0)	74-73-75-74
297(+9)	**$27,000**
Brendon Todd (6)	73-72-74-78
298 (+10)	**$26,040**
Cameron Champ (5)	70-75-74-79
Danny Lee (5)	73-74-77-74

PGA PUERTO RICO OPEN

4th of 4 rounds; At Grand Reserve CC, Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, 7,506 yds; Par 72

Ryan Brehm	66-67-68-67—268	-20
Max McGreevy	70-64-71-69—274	-14
Tommy Gainey	69-67-69-70—275	-13
Brandon Wu	69-69-68-69—275	-13
Chad Ramey	69-68-68-71—276	-12
Callum Tarren	70-65-71-70—276	-12
Brice Garnett	70-68-69-70—277	-11
Chris. Gotterup	68-68-70-71—277	-11
Mark Hensby	70-67-71-69—277	-11
Jim Herman	76-66-66-69—277	-11
Nate Lashley	69-72-69-67—277	-11
Cameron Percy	72-68-71-66—277	-11
Matthias Schwab	70-66-72-69—277	-11
Vaughn Taylor	68-72-69-68—277	-11
Kevin Yu	73-66-70-68—277	-11
Michael Kim	65-69-70-74—278	-10
Chan Kim	70-70-69-69—278	-10
Ben Kohles	68-70-71-69—278	-10
David Lingmerth	72-69-70-67—278	-10
Spencer Ralston	71-68-68-71—278	-10
Kyle Stanley	71-69-69-69—278	-10

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273 (-15)	**$138,747**
In Gee Chun	70-68-66-69
Minjee Lee	71-69-70-63
274 (-14)	**$81,447**
Jeongeun Lee6	70-70-65-69
Atthaya Thitikul	69-68-70-67
275 (-13)	**$50,923**
Hannah Green	74-69-66-66
Brooke Henderson	69-68-71-67
Amy Yang	69-67-71-68
277 (-11)	**$37,422**
Danielle Kang	68-71-68-70
A Lim Kim	68-70-73-66
278 (-10)	**$31,918**
Nasa Hataoka	72-71-67-68
Xiyu Lin

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Huskies get rematch vs. Wildcats, the team that ended their streak

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

UNCASVILLE — The UConn women have had a number of impressive streaks over the last 25 years, with one of the most remarkable their dominance in conference play. After going seven years without a loss in the AAC, the Huskie went unbeaten again in the Big East last season.

The streak of conference wins reached 169 when Villanova came to the XL Center on Feb. 9 and froze the crowd with a bunch of 32, building a 19-point lead. UConn's big fourth quarter rally fell short.

UConn has been a different team since that game, understandably. The Huskies played with six that night, no Paige Bueckers, Caroline Ducharme or Olivia Nelson-Ododa. All will be available tonight for a high stakes game: the Big East Tournament final. The Wildcats (23-7) are considered an NCAA bubble team. UConn (24-5) is trying to boost its seeding for the tournament, after being ranked ninth in the last bracket reveal.

"There are many UConn players that need to be slowed down and stopped," Villanova coach Denise Dillon said. "With UConn, you've got to honor each and every one of the players that's on the floor. So we've got to step up our defensive game, of course, and be able to execute whatever we want to on offense. At this point in the season, it comes down to, you've got to make shots. You've got to make shots and get those stops. It's irrelevant if you're coming up empty on one end or the other."

Here's what else you need to know about the matchup:

The basics

Site: Mohegan Sun Arena
Time: 8 p.m.
Series: UConn leads, 38-18
Last meeting: Villanova, 72-69, Feb. 9 at XL Center
TV: FS1 (Lisa Byington, Sarah Kustok)
Radio: UConn IMG Sports Network on 97.9 ESPN (Bob Joyce, Debbie Fiske)



UConn's Paige Bueckers (5) and Christyn Williams will try to turn the tables when UConn faces Villanova for the Big East title Monday at Mohegan Sun Arena. Villanova defeated UConn in February. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

No. 2 Villanova probable starters, sixth player

Maddy Siegrist, F, 6-1, Jr.; Lior Garzon, F, 6-1, So.; Lucy Olsen, G, 5-9, Fr.; Brianna Herlihy, F, 6-0, Gr.; Brooke Mullin, G, 5-11, Jr.; Bella Runyan, G, 5-11, So.

No. 1 UConn probable starters, sixth player

Olivia Nelson-Ododa, F, 6-5, Sr.; Christyn Williams, G, 5-11, Sr.; Nika Mühl, G, 5-10, So.; Azzi Fudd, G, 5-11, Fr.; Paige Bueckers, G, 5-11, So.; Aaliyah Edwards, F, 6-3, So.

The matchup

UConn's offense: The Huskies have been shooting in the 50 percent range consistently and moving the ball effectively. They have enough shooting threats so that if one is off her game, there is another. The X factor in this game has to be Bueckers, who did not play when Villanova beat UConn last month, could be ready to cut loose in her fifth game back.

UConn's defense: In a word, relentless. UConn's size, length and depth are wearing teams down. The Huskies have held six straight teams to 51 or fewer points, four of them under 40. Their pressure has been disruptive, and they have roadblocked the paint with Nelson-Ododa and Edwards. Nelson-Ododa and Caroline Ducharme were missing on Feb. 9, and could make a difference in defending this time.

Villanova's offense: The Wildcats thrive on the 3-point line, making 10 of 22 in the win at UConn. They were 9-for-25 in beating Seton Hall on Sunday in the semifinals. Siegrist, the Big East player of the year, averages 26.3 points and is shooting better than 50 percent, and was right on pace vs. Seton Hall, 10-for-20, 24 points.

Villanova's defense: UConn, trailing by as much as 19, outscored Villanova 24-10 in the fourth quarter on Feb. 8 to nearly pull off a comeback. Opponents shoot 40.3 percent against the Huskies, 30.3 percent on 3s.

UConn keys: Either contain Siegrist and challenge the supporting cast to win the game, or hold down the supporting cast.

Players to watch: Williams did a good job guarding Siegrist in the Big East Tournament last year. and she has gotten UConn off to hot starts offensively in each of the two games this year. If she can put that together Monday, she could emerge as Most Outstanding Player.

About Villanova's coach: Denise Dillon, the Big East coach of the year, returned to coach at her alma mater in 2020 when Harry Perretta retired. Dillon, 48, spent the previous 17 years at Drexel, where she compiled a 329-204 record. She is s 40-24 at Villanova.

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offense," said Karissa McLaughlin, who led Marquette with 15 hard-earned points. "It makes it harder to get the ball on the wings, pushes you out more in the post."

McLaughlin played all 40 minutes, and all of the starters played over 30. No such thing for UConn, with Auriemma using his nine-player rotation to devastating advantage, no one playing more than Aaliyah Edwards' 29 minutes. There was a reason for that, beyond Edwards' eight points and 11 rebounds.

"For the longest time, we were trying to find out why there was such a difference [In Edwards' play] from last season to this season," Auriemma said. "And the change has been so noticeable. Can't put my finger on why. But she's practicing better. She's playing better. She's more confident. She's getting more things accomplished. And the games reflect that when you look at the intangible parts of the game, the 11 rebounds, the eight points. But, to me, it's just the way she looks and the way it feels having her out there right now that's really, really good."

Williams had the hot scoring touch in the first quarter for the second day in a row, and finished the game with 13 point. As fatigue seemed to set in with Marquette, fresh players would come in; Evina Westbrook hit back-to-back 3s late in the first quarter that re-ignited UConn, helping build the lead to 30.

"That first five is out there, and that second five comes in," Westbrook said. "It's really hard for a team to, like Marquette, they're only playing seven, eight people and they're already tired."

Dorka Juhász came off the bench to score 13, with three assists, and Olivia Nelson-Ododa had eight points and seven rebounds. No matter who is in the game, there is no drop-off in the UConn intensity, the Huskies still hitting the floor for loose balls with an insurmountable lead, this time with a 41-33 rebounding edge.

"Just looking at it from the bench, you can get a little feel of the game how it goes," Juhász said. "Just how we can impact the game, whoever is coming off the bench. Definitely you can feel sometimes that they're getting tired. So if I can run the floor a little bit more, a little harder, I think that shows on our offense and defense, too."

All nine rotation players scored, and eight had at least one of the Huskies' 17 assists on 29 field goals. The Huskies shot 50 percent, including 7-for-19 on 3s, even though Paige Bueckers played a quiet 18 ½ minutes in her fourth game back from the injury, 1-for-4 with two points, and Azzi Fudd was off, going 1-for-9, 0-for-5 on 3s.

"We're in a perfect situation in terms of we have players that have played a lot of minutes that can go a lot of minutes if they had to," Auriemma said. "We have players that are raring to go to play more minutes because they haven't played hardly at all this year. You take the game Azzi had. Three weeks ago, we might have lost this game if we can't get those points But there's this feeling now that we know we're going to get them; we just don't know from where."

If UConn (24-5) is going to face a challenge in this tournament, it would come from Villanova, which beat the Huskies in February, ending UConn's 169-game winning streak in conference play. The Wildcats beat Seton Hall 64-55 in the second semifinal Sunday. But it's clear they're not facing the UConn team of February, but a UConn team more like its predecessors. UConn has won nine in a row since, all by wide margins.

"Even watching Villanova earlier this year, they hit a lot of shots from the perimeter," Marquette coach Megan Duffy said. "If you can do that, you might have a chance. But the physicality [of UConn], their position defense is what is most impressive to me."

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UCONN 71, MARQUETTE 51

Marquette	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
McLaughlin	40	5-16	2-2	1	2	0	15
King	31	5-10	2-2	3	2	3	12
Van Kleunen	35	4-16	0-0	6	0	1	9
Karlen	31	1-11	2-2	6	1	3	4
Marotta	28	2-5	0-0	5	0	3	4
Walker	12	2-2	0-0	2	1	0	5
Middleton	10	1-3	0-0	1	0	2	2
Myles	6	0-0	0-0	2	1	2	0
Nkumu	4	0-1	0-0	3	0	1	0
Okosun	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	—	20-64	6-6	33	7	15	51

Three-point goals: 5-17, 29.4(McLaughlin 3-11, Walker 1-1, Van Kleunen 1-2, King 0-1, Karlen 0-1, Middleton 0-1). FG pct.: 31.3. FT pct.: 100. Team rebounds: 4. Turnovers: 11(Van Kleunen 3, King 2, Marotta 2, McLaughlin, Karlen, Walker, Myles). Blocks: 0. Steals: 4(McLaughlin, Van Kleunen, Karlen, Middleton).

UConn	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
Williams	27	6-9	1-2	2	2	1	13
Edwards	30	4-9	0-0	11	0	2	8
Nelson-Ododa	22	4-7	0-0	7	2	3	8
Muhl	22	3-3	0-0	4	1	3	7
Fudd	28	1-9	2-2	2	3	1	4
Westbrook	19	5-9	1-1	4	2	0	14
Juhasz	19	4-5	2-4	4	3	2	13
Bueckers	18	1-4	0-0	2	2	0	2
Ducharme	15	1-3	0-0	3	2	1	2
TOTALS	—	29-58	6-9	41	17	13	71

Three-point goals: 7-18, 38.9(Westbrook 3-4, Juhasz 3-4, Muhl 1-1, Williams 0-2, Ducharme 0-2, Fudd 0-5). FG pct.: 50.0. FT pct.: 66.7. Team rebounds: 2. Turnovers: 14(Westbrook 3, Bueckers 3, Edwards 2, Nelson-Ododa 2, Juhasz 2, Williams, Fudd). Blocks: 2(Fudd, Bueckers). Steals: 5(Edwards, Fudd, Westbrook, Juhasz, Bueckers).

Marquette	6	12	14	19	—	51
UConn	22	17	20	12	—	71

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

UConn's Sanogo, Cole voted All-Big East First Team

By Shreyas Laddha

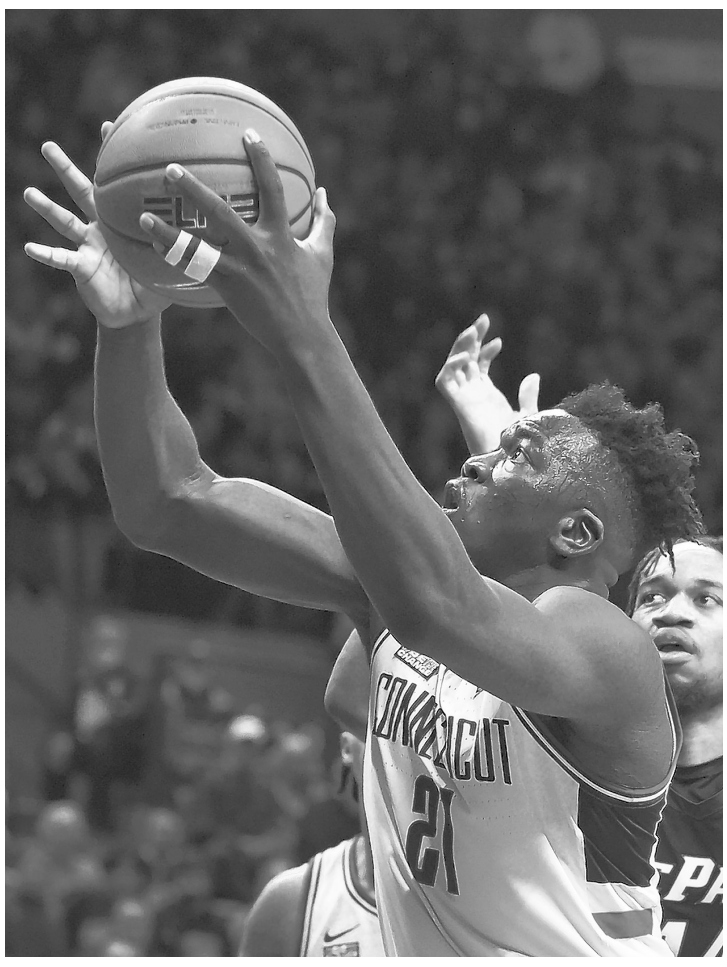
UConn grad student guard R.J. Cole and sophomore forward Adama Sanogo made the All-Big East First Team in a vote by the conference's coaches, the Big East announced on Sunday.

Marquette's Justin Lewis, St. John's Julian Champagnie, Seton Hall's Jared Rhoden and Villanova's Collin Gillespie also were voted to the first team.

Cole averaged 15.8 points and 4.1 assists. Sanogo averaged 15.3 points and 8.6 rebounds.

Last week, Sanogo was named one of the five finalists for the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Center of the Year Award, which honors college basketball's top center in the nation.

UConn's Jordan Hawkins made the All-Freshman team. He averaged 5.8 points but missed UConn's last regular-season game against DePaul due to being in concussion protocol. Creighton's Ryan Nembhard, Arthur Kaluma, Trey Alexander, and Georgetown's Aminu Mohammed and Marquette's Kam Jones joined him on the team.



UConn's Adama Sanogo looks to the basket against DePaul's Nick Ongenda on Saturday in Storrs. Sanogo had 26 points and 11 rebounds as the Huskies won their regular-season finale, 75-68. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Men

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The Huskies are led by a trio of players: R.J Cole, Sanogo and Martin, who each average over 13 points per game. UConn is 12-4 in Big East games when at least two of the three score double-digit points.

Cole is the vocal leader of the group and takes the tough shot when the moment calls on it.

"R.J has been a first-team all-league player," Hurley said. "He's been as good as any point guard in this league from start to finish. He's closed. He's led. He's defended at a high level. He does so much for this team."

Cole had a rough game in Saturday's 75-68 victory over DePaul at Gampel Pavilion as he had three points on 1-for-9 shooting, but Martin and Sanogo stepped up to carry the load.

"I think it speaks to the strength of the team," Hurley said. "Most teams have where the guy who has been the best player, him or Adama have been the best player with Tyrese supporting this year. When your best player goes 1-for-9, usually you lose."

Sanogo is a soft-spoken young star who often puts on a master class in post moves on offense and is a great rim protector on defense. The leap he's taken from last season has been immense and should pay dividends in both the Big East and NCAA tournaments.

"He's seen all different types of defenses, different types of defenders," Hurley said. "He knows what the postseason feels like. He's going to have a much better understanding of what a Big East Tournament intensity game feels like, NCAA Tournament games feels like."

Martin is the energizer of the group and does all the little things. He has shot 43.9% from beyond the arc, which leads the conference.

The three are surrounded by a sharpshooter in Tyler Polley, Isaiah Whaley who does all the dirty work, and Hawkins, who is a freshman loaded with potential.

DePaul coach Nate Stubblefield says UConn is built for a long run in March.

"They have the length, the athleticism and they can shoot the basketball," he said. "They have a lot of pieces for the formula for success in the NCAA Tournament. They are very well-coached. They defend. They're going to have to be dealt with."

The true test on the season begins now.

The Huskies seem up for the challenge.

"Regular season is over and now we are on to a new season," Martin said. "Chip season. There is two championships ahead of us that we can win. So, we are going to go out and try to win those."

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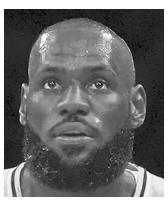
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NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

LeBron scores 56 points in victory



Despite ranking third in NBA history in scoring and closing fast on Karl Malone in second, LeBron James has somehow never been thought of as a pure scorer. On Saturday night, James showed he's still more than capable of piling up the points in a variety of ways. James scored a season-high 56 points and the Lakers beat the visiting Warriors 124-116 to snap a four-game skid. It was his third-most points in a regular-season game and 13th time he has had at least 50. "I felt pretty good," said James, who had a career-best 61 for the Heat against the Hornets in 2014. While James downplayed his 19-of-31 shooting, including 6 of 11 from 3-point range with three consecutive to put the Lakers up 100-97 in the fourth quarter, others were more than willing to praise his performance. "He was phenomenal tonight," said Lakers forward Carmelo Anthony, who had 14 points. "... He just put us on his back tonight." James wasn't the only player to reach the 50-point mark over the weekend: Jayson Tatum scored a season-high 54 points — 34 of them in the second half — to lift the host Celtics over the Nets 126-120 on Sunday.

Coach K after loss: "It's not over yet'

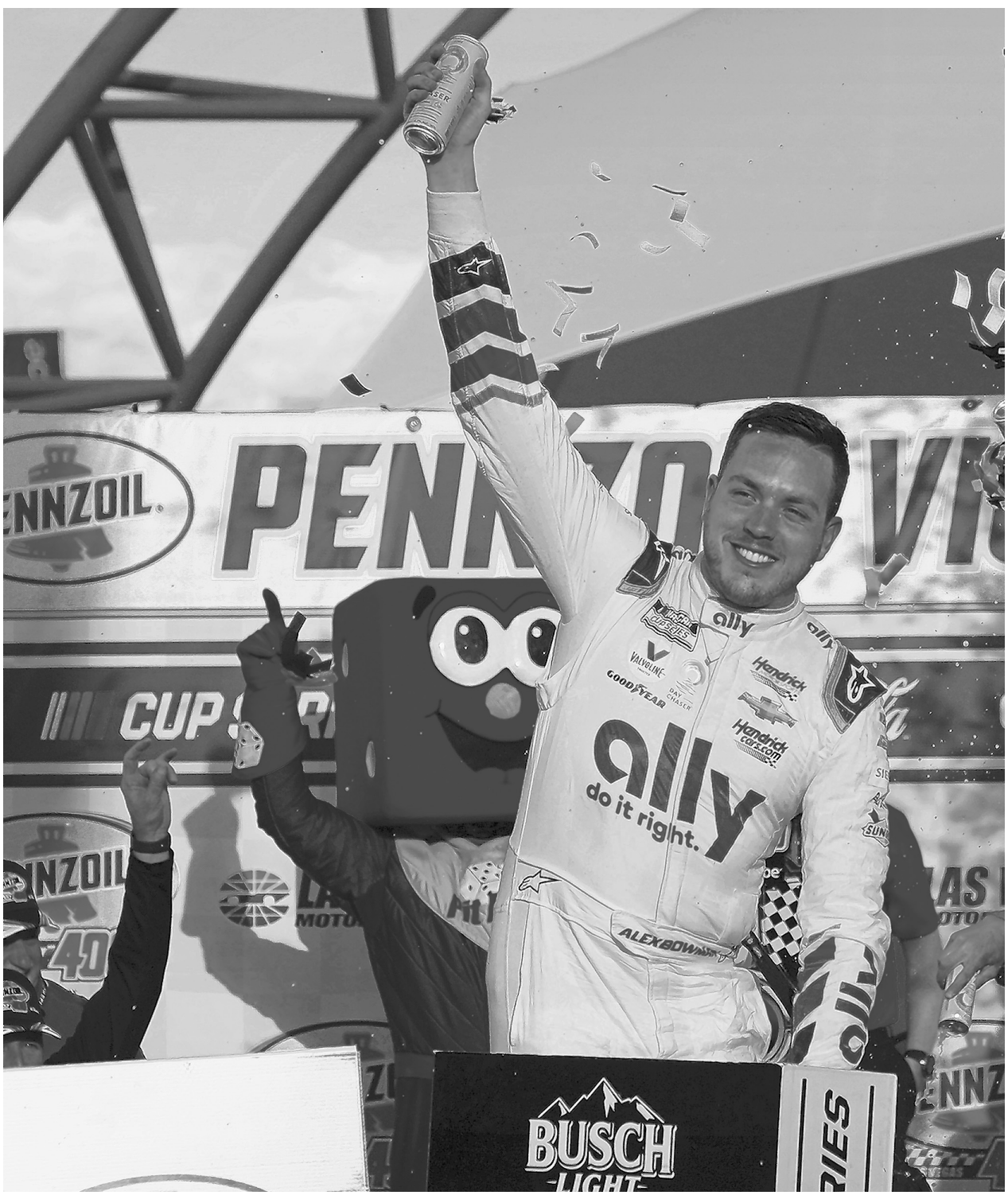


Mike Krzyzewski's final home game at Duke had just ended in an unexpected defeat to the Blue Devils' fiercest rival. The time had come for the school to hold its postgame on-court ceremony in Krzyzewski's honor. Only, the retiring Hall of Famer was still thinking about Saturday's 94-81 loss to North Carolina. "I'm sorry about this afternoon," he began, then waved off cheers from the fans. "It was unacceptable. Today was unacceptable, but the season has been very acceptable. And I'll tell you: this season isn't over, all right?" It was a slightly awkward moment to start of the ceremony, yet a sign that the 75-year-old coach was already thinking and driven about what's still to come: a maximum of nine games left for the No. 4 Blue Devils with chances to win the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament and a sixth NCAA championship. "It's not my last game — it's my last game in Cameron," he told reporters afterward. "But it seemed like it was your last game. ... So many people are saying great things about you and whatever, and you say, 'It's not over yet.' "

Steady Scheffler wins at Bay Hill



Scottie Scheffler played the kind of golf that wins a traditional U.S. Open, and that's what the Arnold Palmer Invitational felt like Sunday at Bay Hill. In another final round that featured some of the toughest scoring conditions in four decades, Scheffler made key putts to save two unlikely pars, followed with a pair of lag putts and closed with an even-par 72 for a one-shot victory. Scheffler now has two PGA Tour titles in the last month, having picked up his first victory at the Phoenix Open. Only 10 players finished this tournament under par. Billy Horschel was the last player with a shot at catching Scheffler with a 30-foot birdie putt on the last hole that never really had a chance. Horschel shot 75 and tied for second along with Tyrrell Hatton (69) and Viktor Hovland (74). The world's fourth-ranked player was still tied for the lead until catching a plugged lie in the front bunker on the 17th and having to two-putt from 50 feet on the fringe for bogey. Needing a birdie on the last hole to catch Scheffler, with whom he was paired, the Norwegian missed from 18 feet. *—Associated Press*



Alex Bowman celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup race Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Bowman edged defending Cup champion Kyle Larson in overtime to secure his first victory of the season and seventh of his career. **JOHN LOCHER/AP**

NASCAR

Gamble works in Vegas

Bowman's 2-tire change difference in OT victory

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Alex Bowman beat NASCAR champion Kyle Larson in a door-to-door overtime battle at Las Vegas Motor Speedway that sent Hendrick Motorsports to victory lane for the second consecutive week.

The win Sunday was the first of the year for Bowman and seventh of his career. It was the second through three NASCAR races this season for team owner Rick Hendrick.

Bowman got his shot at the win when a caution with three laps remaining shifted the race from a pair of Joe Gibbs Racing cars to the Hendrick teammates. Las Vegas native Kyle Busch and teammate Martin Truex Jr. were in a lap-by-lap chess match for the win until the 12th caution ended the stirring duel.

Erik Jones lost control of his car with three laps remaining and crashed when he overcorrected. Bubba Wallace had to swerve hard to avoid drilling Jones' disabled car and it caused Wallace to slam hard into an interior wall. NASCAR threw the caution to send the race into overtime and the leaders all headed to pit road for a tire change.

The Hendrick trio of Bowman, Larson and William Byron all changed just two tires to get off pit road first through third. Busch, who had gone to the pits as the leader, took four tires and came off pit road in fourth.

Larson, the defending Las Vegas winner and winner last week in California, chose the outside line for the restart with Bowman on his inside. The two were in a drag race over the final two laps and Bowman only got significant as he closed in on the checkered flag.

Bowman, who led three times for 16 laps, beat Larson to the finish line by 0.178 seconds.

"This thing was so fast all day. Never had the track position we needed to show it," said Bowman, who credited crew chief Greg Ives for the two-tire call. "What a call by Greg Ives. Obviously, it paid off."

Ross Chastain finished third for TrackHouse Racing and a podium sweep for Chevrolet. Chastain, who had led just 75 laps over 117 previous starts, led a race-high 83 laps.

Busch finished fourth in a backup Toyota after crashing in Saturday morning practice when his tire went flat. The wreck destroyed his car and because backups are in short supply at the start of NASCAR's rollout of the Next Gen model, the only option JGR had was a "parts car" not meant for competition.

"True testament to everybody at Joe Gibbs Racing," said Busch after the crews from all four teams helped prepare his car. "Everybody had a hand in being able to make us go."

He said he felt like he'd cleared Truex for the win when the caution ended his bid.

"I don't know what it was," Busch said. "But anyways, wasn't meant to be. Not our day. See you next week."

Byron was fifth to give Hendrick three drivers in the top five and Aric Almirola was sixth and the highest-finishing Ford. Almirola is the only driver to finish inside the top-10 through NASCAR's first three races of the season.

The win was a strong statement for team owner Hendrick, who joined the weekly competition meeting to outline his expectations for his drivers after Larson and Chase Elliott had an incident in California. Larson didn't see Elliott on his outside and squeezed him into the wall as the two raced for the lead.

Larson was apologetic and Elliott was furious. Hendrick snuffed out any drama, evidenced by the clean overtime racing for the win between Bowman and Larson.

"Racing Kyle is always fun," Bowman said. "Got to race him for a couple wins. We've always raced each other super clean and super respectfully."

Support for Ukraine

Richard Childress Racing and Hendrick Motorsports both raised awareness for supporting Ukraine during its invasion by Russia.

Richard Childress responded to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's plea, "I don't need a ride, I need more ammunition," by donating one million rounds of ammunition to the country.

Childress is on the board of directors for AMMO, Inc., and worked with the company to secure the donation. He was working with a private company to arrange its delivery.

Rick Hendrick and sponsor Hendrick Automotive Group pledged $200,000 to Samaritan's Purse to support disaster assistance in Ukraine.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tar Heels solidify NCAA spot, Hoosiers slide

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

Two games involving two of college basketball's bluest bluebloods left North Carolina and Indiana heading into conference tournament week on opposite ends of the NCAA Tournament bubble spectrum.

The Tar Heels rolled into Cameron Indoor Stadium and handed fourth-ranked Duke a 94-81 loss Saturday night in the final home game for Hall of Fame coach Mike Krzyzewski. The win itself should be plenty to end any lingering doubt about where UNC sits heading into the Atlantic Coast Conference tourney.

"All week, we just talked about our competitive fight," said first-year North Carolina coach Hubert Davis, whose team improved to 23-8 overall and 15-5 in the ACC. "We had to do three things: We had to plant our feet, we had to stand our ground and we had to fight. ... I just felt like, as the game went on, we started to just gain more and more confidence."

That should bode well for the Tar Heels not only this week but heading into the NCAA Tournament.

Then there's Indiana, which had eighth-ranked Purdue on the ropes before suffering a heartbreaking 69-67 loss on Saturday night. That left the Hoosiers at 18-12 overall and 9-11 in the Big Ten as they prepare for their conference tournament. The loss in West Lafayette dropped Indiana to 4-8 away from home this season.

"I'm pleased, guys, with the way we competed," Hoosiers coach Mike Woodson said. "I mean, we gave ourselves an opportunity to win a game in a hostile situation. This is a tough building to win in. I thought we were very competitive."

Simply being competitive might not be enough for the Hoosiers. They dropped a double-overtime game to Syracuse early in the season, and close losses to Penn State (61-58), Wisconsin (74-69) and Rutgers (66-63) that could have gone the other way have left Woodson's crew heading to the Big Ten Tournament needing a couple of wins.

They aren't the only one: Michigan is also teetering on the bubble at 17-13 overall and 11-9 in the Big Ten, but the Wolverines — still without coach Juwan Howard — did pick up a big win over No. 23 Ohio State over the weekend.

"I'm just in awe of the players' character," fill-in coach Phil Martelli said. "I'm in awe of the support staff's knowledge."

Rising

Memphis: Remember that time Penny Hardaway got into a kerfuffle at a news conference over the performance of his talent-laden team? The Tigers have lost just once since Jan. 20, when a loss to SMU dropped them to 9-8 overall and 3-4 in the American Athletic Conference. The coup de grace heading into the league tournament was 75-61 drubbing of No. 14 Houston on Sunday that showed just how potent Memphis can be in March.

Rutgers: After three straight losses began to tip the Scarlet Knights to the wrong side of the bubble, back-to-back wins over Indiana and Penn State have their NCAA Tournament picture trending up. But at 18-12 overall, they probably need at least one win during the Big Ten Tournament to feel good about Selection Sunday.

Florida: Yes, the Gators dropped a competitive regular-season finale to No. 7 Kentucky, but they also beat then-No. 2 Auburn a couple weeks ago. Throw in must-have wins at Georgia and Vanderbilt and the Gators were 19-12 and 9-9 in Southeastern Conference play, giving them a good shot at making the 68-team field.

Loyola Chicago: So much for waiting for Selection Sunday. The Ramblers, who always seem to turn heads come March, did it again with a spirited run to the Missouri Valley tournament title. And while they are no longer a bubble team by virtue of the automatic bid, their play over the last month has them on the rise.

Fading hopes

VCU: Any chance that the Rams had of earning an at-large bid probably evaporated last week with a 69-65 loss to Saint Louis. Now, they may have to play their way into the NCAA field through the Atlantic 10 tourney.

Virginia Tech: The Hokies were trending up until Saturday, when a trip to Clemson ended with a stumbling 63-59 loss. It doesn't help Virginia Tech's hopes that the Atlantic Coast Conference has been down all season, either.

Xavier: The Musketeers will head into the Big East tourney off a win over lowly Georgetown. But before that? Five straight losses and seven in a span of eight games. That month-long stretch turned Xavier from a lock into a bubble dweller.

TCU: The same team that beat sixth-ranked Kansas last week also lost to the Jayhawks, then at West Virginia, putting its NCAA Tournament hopes in jeopardy. The Horned Frogs have lost six of their last nine games.

WEATHER

MONDAY — SUNRISE NOON SUNSET
Mostly cloudy, chance for afternoon and overnight showers. Southwest wind at 5 to 15 mph.
HIGH 60° LOW 37°

TUESDAY — SUNRISE NOON SUNSET
Becoming mostly sunny, breezy and cooler.
HIGH 46° LOW 25°

WEDNESDAY — SUNRISE NOON SUNSET
Becoming mostly cloudy with a rain or snow shower possible late in the day or during the evening.
HIGH 42° LOW 30°

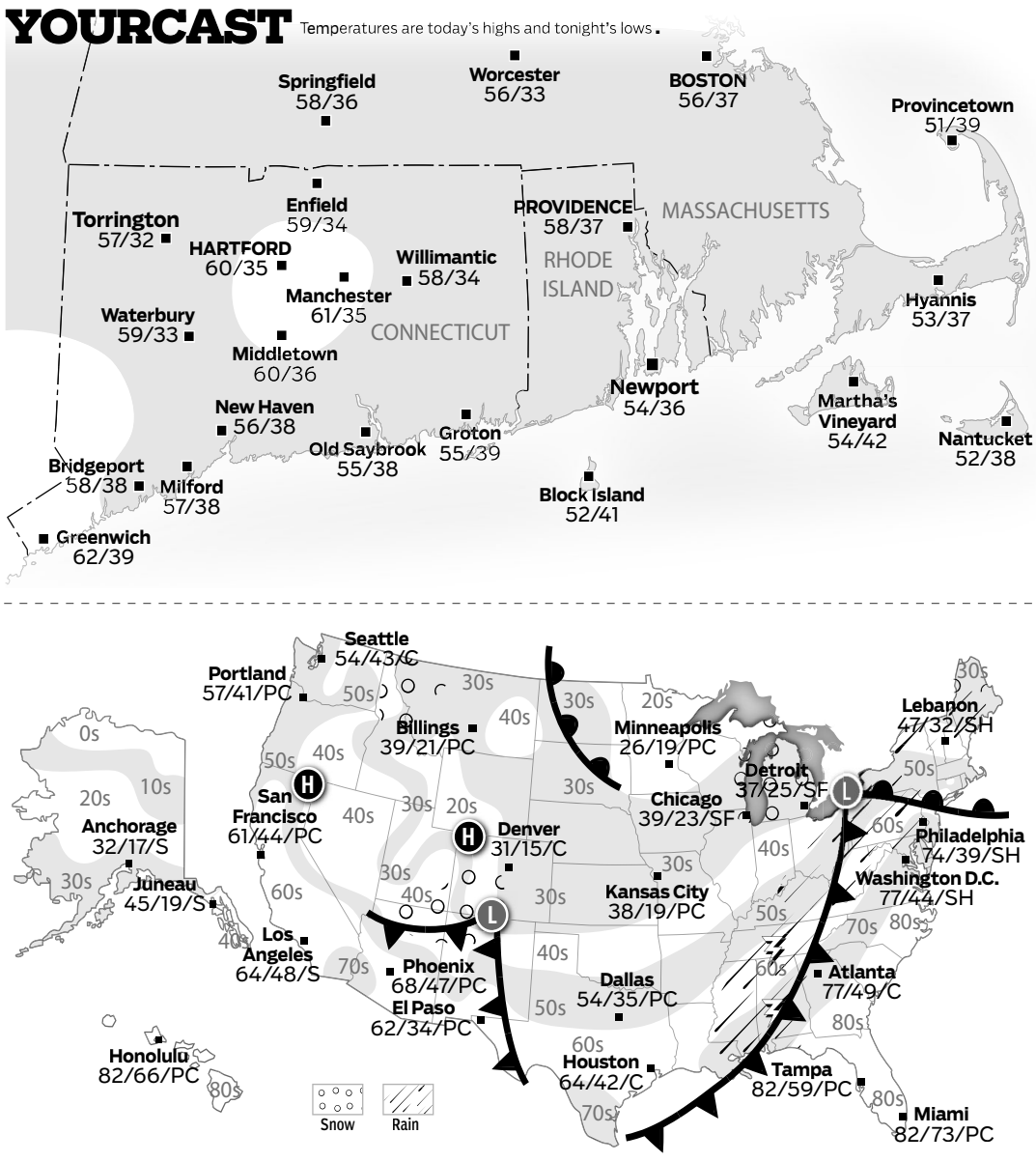
THURSDAY — SUNRISE NOON SUNSET
Variable cloudiness, not as cool.
HIGH 52° LOW 32°

FRIDAY — SUNRISE NOON SUNSET
Mostly cloudy, chance for a shower or two in the afternoon.
HIGH 49° LOW 35°

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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

While the shoreline remained relatively cool on Sunday, portions of the interior set or tied daily high temperature records. Danbury had a high of 67 degrees which broke the old record of 66 set back in 1976. Bradley Airport had a high temperature of 64 degrees and that tied the old record set in 1935. Harford also had a high of 64 degrees. Monday will be another unseasonably mild day, but records seem to be a bit high to overcome. Bradley Airport's existing record high is 69 degrees in 1974. There will be mostly cloudy skies today with the chance for afternoon showers.

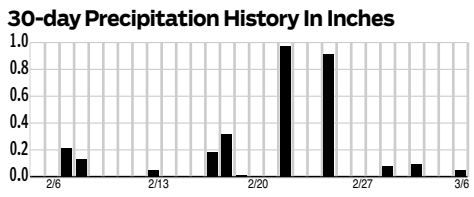
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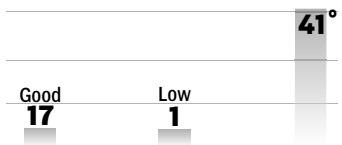
Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.05	0.12
Month to date	0.22	0.74
Total this year	6.53	7.15
Snowfall In Inches		
Yesterday (by 4 p.m.)	0.0	0.4
Total this year	26.3	43.8

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	6:17 a.m.	6:15 a.m.
Sunset	5:47 p.m.	5:48 p.m.
Moonrise	8:45 a.m.	9:13 a.m.
Moonset	11:18 p.m.	a.m.

Moon Phase

First Mar 10 · Full Mar 18 · Last Mar 25 · New Apr 1

Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	12:21 a.m. 12:46 p.m.	7:06 a.m. 7:07 p.m.	40°
Saybrook Jetty	1:32 a.m. 1:57 p.m.	7:59 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	39°
Connecticut River at Portland	4:15 a.m. 4:40 p.m.	11:45 a.m. 11:46 p.m.	
Madison	1:46 a.m. 2:15 p.m.	8:04 a.m. 8:14 p.m.	38°
New Haven	2:06 a.m. 2:35 p.m.	8:28 a.m. 8:38 p.m.	38°
Stamford	2:10 a.m. 2:39 p.m.	8:42 a.m. 8:52 p.m.	39°

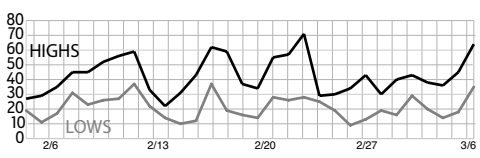
River Stage at Hartford: 4.95 feet at 4:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
	AM Fog	AM Fog	AM Fog
Wind	SW/S, 5-15	SW/S, 5-15	SW, 10-20
Seas	1-2 ft.	2-4 ft.	5-8 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Sunday	64R at 3:59 p.m	35 at 6:31 a.m
Normal for date	44	25
Record for date	64 in 2022	-4 in 1948
A year ago	34	21
Range this year	71	-2

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - March 6	4173	4524	4291

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.31 at 12 a.m.	29.84 at 4 p.m.
Dew point	53° at 5 p.m.	24° at 12 a.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND				Baltimore	72	38	SH	Nashville	62	32	T	San Juan	83	72	PC	Budapest	39	25	C
Bangor	40	29	SH	Bismarck	37	21	PC	New Orleans	82	59	C	Tucson	65	38	S	Buenos Aires	81	63	SH
Burlington	41	25	SH	Boise	48	27	PC	New York	67	40	C	**WORLD**				Cairo	77	58	PC
Caribou	28	21	SN	Buffalo	39	24	R	Okla. City	47	26	PC					Cancun	85	73	PC
Concord	39	32	SH	Charleston	85	65	PC	Omaha	38	19	PC	Amsterdam	46	28	S	Dubai	93	73	PC
Montpelier	37	23	SH	Cincinnati	59	27	SH	Orlando	86	67	PC	Athens	57	39	S	Dublin	43	41	C
Mt. Wash.	33	2	SN	Cleveland	46	25	SH	Pittsburgh	59	26	R	Bangkok	93	77	T	Edinburgh	45	34	S
Portland	41	29	SH	Indianapolis	47	27	C	Raleigh	84	55	C	Barbados	83	76	C	Helsinki	36	25	PC
Woods Hole	52	38	C	Jacksonville	86	62	PC	St. Louis	43	27	C	Beijing	61	36	S	Hong Kong	73	59	PC
NATION				Las Vegas	63	41	S	Salt Lake City	39	26	PC	Beirut	62	55	PC	Istanbul	46	37	R
Albany	47	29	R	Miami Beach	81	72	PC	San Antonio	65	42	C	Berlin	46	28	PC	Jerusalem	59	46	PC
Albuquerque	49	29	PC	Milwaukee	36	22	SN	San Diego	65	51	PC	Bermuda	72	66	PC	Johannesburg	79	57	T
Atlantic City	71	43	C																

Kingston	86	71	T	Stockholm	42	27	PC					
Lisbon	59	48	R	Sydney	73	68	R					
London	43	34	PC	Tel Aviv	66	52	PC					
Madrid	54	41	R	Tokyo	57	39	S					
Mexico City	79	51	SH	Toronto	32	23	SN					
Milan	50	30	S	Vancouver	46	41	C					
Montreal	34	23	SN	Warsaw	37	30	SH					
Moscow	34	18	SN									
Nassau	81	64	PC									
New Delhi	84	59	PC									
Paris	46	34	S									
Prague	43	25	C									
Rio de Janeiro	95	70	C									
Rome	54	32	C									
Seoul	46	34	S									
Singapore	93	75	T									

KEY: **S** Sunny, **C** Cloudy, **PC** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **SH** Showers, **SN** Snow, **SF** Snow Flurries, **T** T-storms

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LOCAL SCOREBOARD

Monday's high school schedule
ALL GAMES AT 6:30 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

BOYS BASKETBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
Division **II**—First Round
Upper **Bracket:** No. 17Amity (12-7) vs. No. 16 Amistad (13-7) at Amity HS; No. 25Enfield (8-12) at No. 8Waterford (15-5); No. 20Avon (12-8) at No. 13Newtown (14-6), 5:30p.m.; No. 21Newington (11-9) at No. 12St. Joseph (14-6), 5p.m.
Lower **Bracket:** No 18Greenwich (12-8) at No. 15 Simsbury (14-6); No. 23Stamford (10-10) at No. 10Stratford (15-5); No. 19Xavier (12-8) at No. 14 Westhill (14-6), 6p.m.; No. 22Law (10-10) at No. 11Middletown (14-6), 5:45p.m.
Division **IV**—First Round
Upper **Bracket:** No. 17Nonnewaug (10-10) at No. 16Valley Regional (10-10); No. 20Old Lyme (8-12) at No. 13Cheney Tech (12-8); No. 21Montville (8-12) at No. 12Ellington (12-8)
Lower **Bracket:** No. 18Rockville (9-11) at No. 15 Platt Tech (10-10); No. 23Woodland (8-12) at No. 10Morgan (13-7); No. 19Griswold (9-11) at No. 14 Killingly (11-9); No. 22Bullard-Havens (8-12) at No. 11Bethel (13-7)

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
Class **LL**—Quarterfinals
Upper **Bracket:** No. 8Southington (18-3) at No. 1 Enfield (20-1), 7p.m.; No. 13Hillhouse (14-8) at No. 12Wilton (15-7), 7p.m.
Lower **Bracket:** No. 7New London (18-3) at No. 2East Hartford (19-2); No. 11Danbury (16-6) at No. 3Middletown (19-2), 7:45p.m.
Class **MM**—Quarterfinals
Upper **Bracket:** No. 9Berlin (15-7) at No. 1SHA (20-1), 7p.m.; No. 13Northwestern (14-8) at No. 5 St. Paul (16-4)
Lower **Bracket:** No. 7Ledyard (16-6) at No. 2St. Joseph (19-2), 7p.m.; No. 22Killingly (12-10) at No. 3Hand (18-3), 7p.m.

BOYS HOCKEY

CIAC State Tournaments
Division **II**—First Round
Upper **Bracket:** No. 16Eastern CT (7-12-1) vs. No. 1North Haven (18-2) at Northford Ice Pavilion, 6:15p.m.; No. 9Westhill/Stamford (12-8) vs. No. 8 Hand (9-11) at Northford Ice Pavilion, 8:30p.m.; No. 13East Catholic (8-12) vs. No. 4Sheehan (16-4) at Choate Rosemary Hall, 6p.m.; No. 12 East Haven co-op (10-9-1) vs. No. 5Farmington Valley (12-8) at Avon Old Farms, 6p.m.
Lower **Bracket:** No. 15Guilford (8-10-2) vs. No. 2Lyman Hall (16-4) at Northford Ice Pavilion, 3:45p.m.; No. 10Woodstock Academy (13-5) vs. No. 7Trumbull (11-8-1) at The Rinks at Shelton, 6:30p.m.; No. 14North Branford (9-11) vs. No. 3 Wethersfield (13-5-2) at Newington Ice Arena, 8:15p.m.; No. 11Watertown/Pomperaug (10-9-1) vs. No. 6South Windsor (13-7) at South Windsor Arena, 5:30p.m.
Division **III**—First Round
Upper **Bracket:** No. 16Housatonic co-op (5-14) vs. No. 1E.O. Smith/Tolland (16-3-1) at UConn, 7:30p.m.; No. 9Conard (9-9-2) vs. No. 8Tri-Town (10-10) at Enfield Twin Rinks, 7p.m.; No. 13 Newtown/New Fairfield (6-12-2) vs. No. 4BBD (12-8) at Brewster Ice Rink, 6p.m.; No. 12Hall (8-12) vs. No. 5New Milford (13-6-1) at Canterbury School, 7p.m.
Lower **Bracket:** No. 15Rocky Hill co-op (6-13-1) vs. No. 2Newington (17-3) at Newington Ice Arena, 5p.m.; No. 10Staples (8-12) vs. No. 7 SGWL (10-10) at Enfield Twin Rinks, 2:50p.m.; No. 14Shepaug co-op (5-12-2) vs. No. 3JBWA (16-4) at Danbury Ice Arena, 8p.m.; No. 11Enfield co-op (8-12) vs. No. 6Masuk (11-9) at The Rinks at Shelton, 5p.m.
Saturday's late college results

MEN'S BASKETBALL

YALE 74, BROWN 65
NCAA Div. III **Tourney**—Second Round
RENSSELAER 59, WESLEYAN 58

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

FAIRFIELD 56, ST. PETER'S 43

MEN'S HOCKEY

ECAC **Tourney**—First Round (Game 2; best-of-3)
COLGATE 5, YALE 1

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Hockey East **Tourney**—Final
NORTHEASTERN 3, UCONN 1

BASEBALL

UCONN 9, FIU 1

SOFTBALL

NFCA Div. III Leadoff Classic (Columbus, Ga.)
EASTERN 6, CLAREMONT-MUDD-SCRIPPS 5
San Diego Classic (La Jolla, Calif.)
YALE 7, SAN DIEGO STATE 3
Amy S. Harrison Classic (Riverside, Calif.)
CSUN 4, SACRED HEART 0
CALIFORNIA BAPTIST 11, SACRED HEART 1 (5)
Sunday's college results

MEN'S BASKETBALL

America East **Tourney**—Quarterfinal
HARTFORD 61, ALBANY 49

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Big East **Tourney**—Semifinals (Mohegan Sun)
UCONN 71, MARQUETTE 51

MEN'S HOCKEY

NESCAC **Tourney**—Final (Waterville, Maine)
TRINITY 4, COLBY 1

BASEBALL

UCONN 15, FIU 0
CENTRAL 11, NAVY 4
EASTERN 9, ST. MARY'S 5
YALE 1, WASHINGTON 0
JAMES MADISON 19, QUINNIPIAC 1
BETHUNE-COOKMAN 7, SACRED HEART 6
STETSON 13, SACRED HEART 4
ST. JOSEPH'S (PA.) 11, FAIRFIELD 4

SOFTBALL

Carolina Classic (Chapel Hill, N.C.)
OREGON 9, UCONN 3
NORTH CAROLINA 8, UCONN 7
LSU Invitational/ULL Crossover (Lafayette, La.)
LSU 5, CENTRAL 0
NFCA Div. III Leadoff Classic (Columbus, Ga.)
EASTERN 6, TRINE 3
PIEDMONT 6, EASTERN 3
San Diego Classic (La Jolla, Calif.)
UTAH STATE 11, YALE 0
Amy S. Harrison Classic (Riverside, Calif.)
SACRED HEART 5, UC-RIVERSIDE 4

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

ST. JOSEPH 13, CASTLETON 9
SACRED HEART 14, DELAWARE STATE 3
Monday's college schedule

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Big East **Tourney**—Final (Mohegan Sun)
Villanova at UConn, 8p.m.
NEC **Tourney**—Quarterfinal
Sacred Heart at Fairleigh Dickinson, 7p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS

Wesleyan vs. Haverford (Orlando, Fla.), 11:30 a.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Wesleyan vs. Christopher Newport (Orlando, Fla.), time TBA
Tuesday's college schedule

MEN'S BASKETBALL

MAAC **Tourney**—First Round (Atlantic City, N.J.)
Canisius vs. Fairfield, 7p.m.
Quinnipiac vs. Marist, 9p.m.

BASEBALL

Albany at Central, 2p.m.
Hartford at UConn, 3p.m.
Sacred Heart at Stetson, 6:30p.m.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Sacred Heart at Providence, 1p.m.
Quinnipiac at Fairfield, 7p.m.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Delaware State at Central, 2p.m.
Mitchell at St. Joseph, 6p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS

Wesleyan vs. Case Western (Orlando, Fla.), 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Quinnipiac at UConn, 1p.m.
Wesleyan vs. Rensselaer (Orlando, Fla.), 3p.m.
Wednesday's college schedule

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Big East **Tourney**—Quarterfinal (MSG)
Georgetown/Seton Hall vs. UConn, 9:30p.m.
America East **Tourney**—Semifinal
Hartford at UMBC, 7p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MAAC **Tourney**—Quarterfinals (Atlantic City, N.J.)
Rider/Iona vs. Fairfield, 1p.m.
Marist/St. Peter's vs. Quinnipiac, 3:30p.m.

BASEBALL

Eastern at Purchase, 3p.m.

SOFTBALL

Manhattan at Central (2), noon

MEN'S LACROSSE

St. Joseph at Eastern, 5p.m.
Trinity at Salve Regina, 6p.m.
Wesleyan at Maritime, 7p.m.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Manhattan at UConn, 2p.m.
Bryant at Quinnipiac, 3p.m.
Wesleyan at Babson, 5p.m.
Trinity at Skidmore, 6:30p.m.
Fairfield at Lafayette, 7p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS

Wesleyan vs. Carnegie Mellon (Orlando, Fla.), 7p.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Wesleyan vs. Carnegie Mellon (Orlando, Fla.), 7p.m.

BIG EAST BASKETBALL

MEN'S

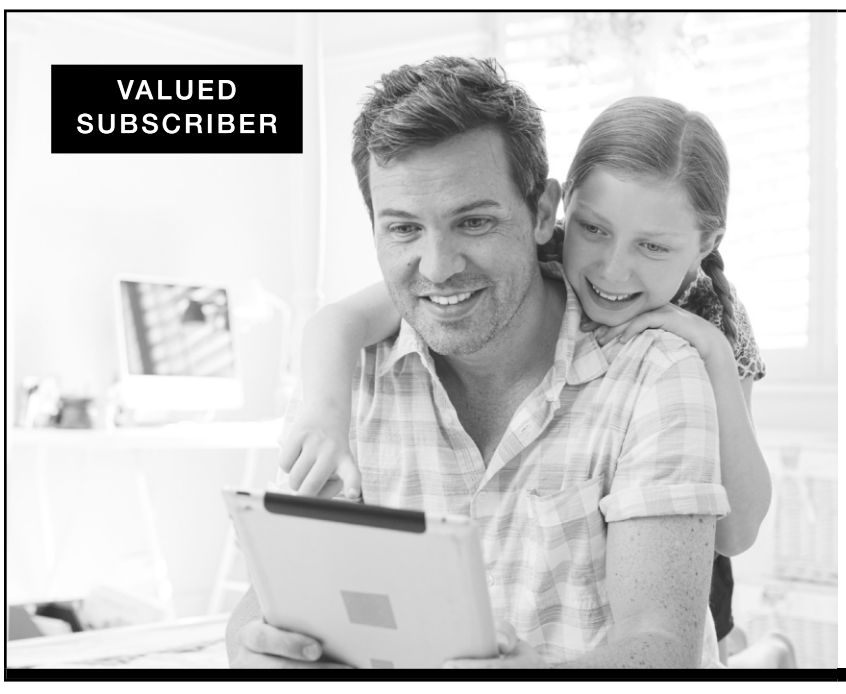
Team	CONF	CPCT	OVR	PCT
Providence	14-3	.824	24-4	.857
Villanova	16-4	.800	23-7	.767
UConn	13-6	.684	22-8	.733
Creighton	12-7	.632	20-10	.667
Seton Hall	11-8	.579	20-9	.690
Marquette	11-8	.579	19-11	.633
Xavier	8-11	.421	18-12	.600
St. John's	8-11	.421	16-14	.533
DePaul	6-14	.300	15-15	.500
Butler	6-14	.300	13-18	.419
Georgetown	0-19	.000	6-24	.200

Saturday's late results
XAVIER 97, GEORGETOWN 75
MARQUETTE 85, ST. JOHN'S 77
Wednesday's schedule
Big East **Tourney**—First Round (MSG)
Butler vs. Xavier, 4:30p.m.
DePaul vs. St. John's, 7p.m.
Georgetown vs. Seton Hall, 9:30p.m.

WOMEN'S

Team	CONF	CPCT	OVR	PCT
UConn	16-1	.941	22-5	.815
Villanova	15-4	.789	21-7	.750
Creighton	15-5	.750	20-8	.714
DePaul	14-6	.700	22-9	.710
Marquette	13-7	.650	20-9	.690
Seton Hall	12-8	.600	17-11	.607
St. John's	7-12	.368	11-18	.379
Providence	6-14	.300	11-18	.379
Georgetown	4-15	.211	9-18	.333
Xavier	4-16	.200	9-20	.310
Butler	0-18	.000	1-26	.037

Saturday's late results
Big East **Tourney**—Quarterfinals (Mohegan Sun)
VILLANOVA 76, ST. JOHN'S 52
SETON HALL 66, CREIGHTON 65
Sunday's results
Big East **Tourney**—Semifinals (Mohegan Sun)
UCONN 71, MARQUETTE 51
VILLANOVA 64, SETON HALL 55
Monday's schedule
Big East **Tourney**—Final (Mohegan Sun)
Villanova at UConn, 8p.m.



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